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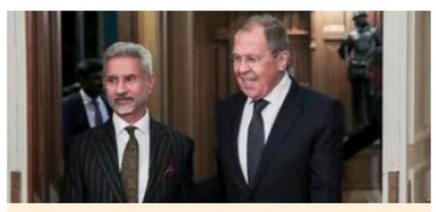

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'Will remove *KGF* song from social media'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress on Tuesday assured the HC that it will remove by November 9 noon the song of film *KGF Chapter-2* from all its social media platforms, admitting that the song was uploaded for its Bharat Jodo campaign without obtaining permission from the copyright holder.

Following this assurance, a Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice P.N. Desai set aside the November 7 interim order passed by the Bengaluru city civil court. The civil court had directed blocking of party's two Twitter handles, and had ordered electronic audit of various social media accounts of the party and its leaders, Rahul Gandhi and Supriya Shrinate, to ascertain the extent of illegal use of copyrighted song.

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Kerala HC offers interim relief to Vice-Chancellors

Court restrains Governor Arif Mohammed Khan from passing any order on show-cause notices issued to V-Cs of eight universities till it decides on their writ petitions challenging the notice

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday restrained Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, in his capacity as Chancellor of universities, from passing final orders on the show-cause notices he issued to Vice-Chancellors of eight universities, until the court takes a call on the writ petitions filed by the latter seeking to quash the notices.

Mr. Khan had issued the notices to the Vice-Chancellors citing violation of University Grants Commission (UGC) norms in their appointment.

Justice Devan Ramachandran passed the interim order when the petitions by the Vice-Chancellors came up for hearing.

The show-cause notice asked them why their appointments should not be declared *void ab initio* in view of a recent Supreme Court judgment. While annulling the appointment of Rajashree M.S. as the Vice-Chancellor of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, the Supreme Court had held that the appointment was made on the recommendations of a search committee that had not been constituted as per the UGC regulations.

When the petitions came up for hearing, Jaju Babu, senior counsel for the Chancellor, submitted that the Vice-Chancellors had already given their explanation to the Chancellor in response to the notices. He also sought three days' time to file an affidavit in the case. Counsel also submitted that the Chancellor was not able to file the affidavit as he was out of town and had returned recently.

When the petitions came last week, the court had extended till November 7 the time granted to the Vice-Chancellors of the eight universities to reply to the show-cause.

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Governor versus V-Cs

A look at how the legal tussle between the Kerala Governor and Vice-Chancellors of nine universities evolved

Arif Mohammed Khan, Kerala Governor

- **Oct. 21:** Supreme Court sets aside appointment of V-C of Abdul Kalam Technological University
- **Oct. 23:** Governor demands resignation of nine V-Cs, citing the verdict
- **Oct. 24:** Governor issues show-cause notices to those who refuse to resign
- **Oct. 25:** They can continue till Governor takes decision on show-cause notice, says Kerala HC
- **Since Oct 31:** Eight of them challenge the notice
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Nicobar project gets assent for diversion of 130 sq. km of forest

Facing the axe: More than eight lakh trees will have to be cut for the project, as per a government estimate. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pankaj Sekhsaria
MUMBAI

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted an in-principle (Stage 1) clearance for the diversion of 130.75 sq. km of forest on Great Nicobar Island for the mega ₹72,000-crore project that includes a transshipment port, an airport, a power plant and a greenfield township. The project implementation agency is the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO).

The area is nearly 15% of the thickly forested Great Nicobar Island that is spread over 900 sq. km. This will be one of the largest single such forest diversions in recent times.

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FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated November 9, 2021 read along with the addendum dated June 8, 2022 (the "**DRHP**") and has filed the RHP with the RoC and thereafter with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("**SEBI**") and the Stock Exchanges. The RHP shall be available on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in as well as on the websites of the BRLMs i.e., ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited at www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and the website of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, respectively. Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, see "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page 22 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP for any investment decision.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

External financing needed to fight climate change, says report

1 In $ trillion, the external financing developing countries need to secure in a year for climate action by working with investors, rich countries and development banks, according to a report. The report released ahead of the COP27 summit in Egypt said that the funding was required to cut emissions, boost resilience, deal with damage from climate change and restore nature and land. Reuters

Medical seats granted by government in Jammu and Kashmir

265 The number of Diplomate of National Board (DNB) postgraduate medical seats granted to government hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir across 20 districts. According to the Health Ministry, this step will not only benefit the people of Jammu and Kashmir, but also provide the opportunity to train doctors in their own region. PTI

Vacant posts for school teachers to be abolished in Assam

8,000 The number of vacant posts of school teachers to be abolished by the Assam government as a large number of contractual educators are already working under the Sarba Siksha Abhiyan (SSA). In 2020, the State government had offered a regular pay scale to 11,206 contractual teachers working under the SSA. PTI

Migrants rescued by Singapore authorities, says Sri Lankan navy

300 The number of suspected migrants rescued by the Singapore authorities, after their boat started sinking, according to Sri Lankan Navy. They claimed that one Sri Lankan citizen on the boat contacted the navy seeking help. Sri Lankans have been undertaking illegal boat journeys to escape the economic crisis in the country. AP

Archaeologists discover perfectly preserved statues

2,000 In years, the age of the 20 bronze statues discovered by archaeologists, almost perfectly preserved in Tuscany. The statues depict deities venerated at a sanctuary in San Casciano dei Bagni, established first by the Etruscans and then expanded under the Romans, according to Italy's culture ministry. AFP

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The Supreme Court order on PF pensions

What has the SC ruled in the case where the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation appealed various orders favouring employees? Who all stand to benefit from the order? Who all have been excluded? What has been the Union government's argument?

EXPLAINER

G. Ananthakrishnan

The story so far:

Thousands of working individuals who are eligible for pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme-1995 (EPS-1995) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and those who already draw PF pension have been litigating in various courts for several years, seeking to invoke a provision in the scheme by which pension benefit can be substantially increased. A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court ruled in the matter on November 4, in a case where the EPFO appealed various orders favouring employees issued by the Kerala, Rajasthan, and Delhi High Courts. The order provided relief to some employees.

Why did the employees litigate?

An option to increase pension is provided for in EPS-1995, for which 8.33% of the employer's contribution to the employee's PF account must be remitted into the pension fund on actual basic pay, dearness allowance and retaining allowance. The request for a higher pension should be made in the form of an option exercised by both employee and employer. But due to information asymmetry, most members did not exercise this option and have been contributing to the pension fund only within a salary cap (which was revised from ₹6,500 to ₹15,000 eight years ago), and not on actual pay. This reduced the pension benefit sharply.

The litigation by employees arose because the Union Government amended EPS-1995 effective September 1, 2014, introducing, among other changes, a time limit of six months for the members, jointly with their employers, to opt for higher pension based on their actual salary, and a further six months where reasonable cause for delay existed. The time limit was, however, not known to the employees as there was no communication to them; subsequent applications for higher pension were rejected by the EPFO citing the cut-off date, even after it had been set aside by a two-judge bench of the SC in the precedent-setting *R.C. Gupta case* in 2016.

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What is the impact of the order?

The Supreme Court importantly upheld the amendments to the pension scheme made by the government in 2014, which restricts even membership of the scheme up to a wage ceiling of ₹15,000. But it provided some relief to employees.

One section of current employees (and by extension members of the pension scheme who were contributing to the pension fund as of September 1, 2014) stand to benefit from the order. The SC bench directed that members of the scheme who did not exercise the option for higher pension as provided for in the scheme as it existed before the 2014 amendment, were entitled to exercise the option, jointly with their employers, even under the amended scheme. This right was upheld in the *R.C. Gupta* judgement, which said no cut-off date was envisaged in EPS-1995.

The court said that all employees who did not exercise the option but were entitled to do so due to interpretation of the cut-off date by authorities should get a further four months to do so from the date of the order. The implication is that those who were members of EPS-1995 as of September 1, 2014 and beyond could exercise the joint option. This means that serving employees can opt for higher pension now, transferring the stipulated part of the employer's contribution to the pension fund. Other members who contributed to the fund beyond that date but retired, would have to remit the stipulated dues into the pension fund of the EPFO.

Yet, the court specifically excluded those who retired prior to September 1, 2014 without exercising the joint option in the unamended scheme, since they had already exited the membership. This part of the order covers older employees who get a meagre pension. They cite lack of communication on the option of higher pension while in service.

How has the court responded to the government's demands?

While the court granted partial relief to the employees, it also gave some consideration to the Union government's argument that it would be stretched for funds to pay higher pension. The members opting for higher pension would, therefore, have to contribute an additional 1.16% on salary exceeding ₹15,000 as a temporary measure for six months, while the government came up with measures to augment its resources. This includes the possibility of legislatively raising the employer's rate of contribution. At the same time, the judges held the government's demand for the 1.16% employee contribution not sustainable by law. The compromise was thus only to advance the rollout of the higher pension.

The apex court recognised the government's powers to amend the pension scheme prospectively or retrospectively under Section 7 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. Based on this recognition, the judges did not interfere with the revised formula used to calculate the quantum of pension – the employees had challenged the reckoning of pensionable wages spread over 60 months of service before the employee exited, rather than 12 months of service that existed in the pre-2014 scheme. The Union government used the example of manual labourers to claim that wages could vary widely, and even be low in the final 12 months. Ironically, the case pertained to organised sector employees whose wages are highest in the last year or service.

THE GIST

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Should the age of consent be changed for adolescents?

Why are consensual and non-exploitative sexual acts also coming under the radar of the POCSO Act and IPC? What are the ground realities? What have the courts observed?

Sudipta Datta

The story so far:

On November 4, the Dharwad Bench of the Karnataka High Court, while dismissing a case filed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, said the Law Commission of India would have to rethink the age criteria, to take into consideration the ground realities. The aspect of consent by a girl of 16 years, but who is below 18 years, would have to be considered, it said, if it is indeed an offence under the Indian Penal Code and/or the POCSO Act.

What are the terms of the POCSO Act?

Under the POCSO Act, 2012, and under several provisions of the IPC, whoever commits a penetrative sexual assault on a child – anyone below 18 years of age – can be "imprisoned for a term which is not less than seven years but which may extend to imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to [a] fine." Even if the girl is 16 years old, she is considered a "child" under the POCSO Act and hence her consent does not matter, and any sexual intercourse is treated as rape, thus opening it up to stringent punishment. There have been several instances in the past few years when the courts have quashed criminal proceedings of rape and kidnapping, after being convinced that the law was being misused to suit one or the other party. Often, the offender had been booked under Section 366 of the IPC, Section 6 of the POCSO Act and Section 9 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

Is the law being misused?

In its order, and several other courts have passed similar judgments too, the Karnataka High Court said the effect of such criminal prosecution of a minor girl or boy is causing severe distress to all concerned, including the families. Sometimes, disgruntled parents file a case to foil a relationship between two adolescents. In 2019, a study, Why Girls Run Away To Marry - Adolescent Realities and Socio-Legal Responses in India, published by Partners for Law in Development, made a case for the age of consent to be lower than the age of marriage to decriminalise sex among older adolescents to protect them from the misuse of law, sometimes by parents who want to control who their daughters or sons want to marry. The study noted that in many cases, a couple elopes fearing opposition from parents resulting in a situation where families file a case with the police, who then book the boy for rape under the POCSO Act and abduction with the intent to marry under IPC or the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

In 2021, in the *Vijaylakshmi vs State Rep* case, the Madras High Court, while dismissing a POCSO case, said the definition of 'child' under Section 2(d) of the POCSO Act can be redefined as 16 instead of 18.The court suggested that the age difference in consensual relationships should not be more than five years. This, it said, will ensure that a girl of an impressionable age is not taken advantage of by "a person who is much older."

What needs to be done?

With the courts and rights activists seeking amendment to the age of consent criteria, the ball lies in the government's court to look into the issue. In the meantime, adolescents have to be made aware of the stringent provisions of the Act and also the IPC.

Even as activists are calling for a tweak to the POCSO Act, and raising awareness about its terms, a parliamentary committee is looking into the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 which seeks to increase the minimum age of marriage for women to 21 years. Rights activists feel instead of helping the community, raising the age may force vulnerable women to remain under the yoke of family and social pressures.

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FIVE STAR Business Finance Limited

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Our Company was incorporated as Five-Star Business Credits Private Limited at Chennai, Tamil Nadu as a private limited company under the Companies Act, 1956, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated May 7, 1984, issued by the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai ("**RoC**"). Our Company was converted from a private limited company to a public limited company pursuant to board resolution dated September 7, 1988 and special resolution passed by the Shareholders at the EGM dated October 3, 1988. Consequently, the name of our Company was changed from 'Five-Star Business Credits Private Limited' to 'Five-Star Business Credits Limited' and the certificate of incorporation was amended on October 3, 1988. The name of our Company was subsequently changed to 'Five-Star Business Finance Limited' pursuant to board resolution dated March 25, 2015 and special resolution passed by our Shareholders at the EGM held on April 12, 2016, and a fresh certificate of incorporation consequent upon change of name was issued by the RoC on May 13, 2016. For further details see, *"History and Certain Corporate Matters"* on page 219 of the red herring prospectus of the Company dated November 1, 2022 filed with the RoC ("**RHP**" or "**Red Herring Prospectus**"). Our Company is registered with the Reserve Bank of India ("**RBI**") to carry on the business of non-banking financial institution without accepting public deposits (certificate of registration no. B-07.00286). For details, see *"Government and Other Approvals"* beginning on page 390 of the RHP.

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Risks to Investors:

- **The weighted average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares transacted by the Promoters, Promoter Group and Selling Shareholders in the one year, three years and eighteen months immediately preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus is as follows:**

Period	Weighted Average Cost of Acquisition (in ₹)*^	Cap Price (₹ 474) is 'X' times the Weighted Average Cost of Acquisition	Range of acquisition price: lowest price-highest price (in ₹)^
Last one year	490.67	0.97	490.67
Last three years	241.77	1.96	1 - 490.67
Last eighteen months	386.59	1.23	1 - 490.67

^ As certified by R P S V & Co., Chartered Accountants by way of their certificate dated November 1, 2022.

** Weighted average cost means total Equity Share capital including securities premium issued during last one year, three years and eighteen months preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus divided by total number of Equity Shares.*

- **The Price/ Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for FY 2022 for our Company at upper end of price band is as high as 29.77x compared to the average industry peer group P/E ratio of 40.84x.**
- **Weighted average return of Net Worth for FY 2022, FY 2021 and FY 2020 is 15.11% and Return on Net Worth for the three months ended June 30, 2022 is 3.69% (not annualised).**
- **Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares held by the Promoters and Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 0.50 to ₹ 186.04 per Equity Share and the Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 474 per Equity Share.**

RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR COMPANY ARE:

- **We require substantial capital for our business and any disruption in our sources of capital could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.**
- **The risk of non-payment or default by our borrowers may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and our customers may delay and/or default on their repayment obligations due to various reasons. For our customers who earned not more than ₹ 25,000 per month, during the three months ended June 30, 2022 and the Financial Years 2022, 2021 and 2020, ₹ 309.58 million, 0.58% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 259.40 million, 0.51% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 150.79 million, 0.34% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 162.30 million and 0.42% of our total Gross Term Loans of our total Gross Term Loans, respectively, experienced default in repayment obligations, (i.e. were in the 90+ DPD category).**
- **Our inability to meet our obligations, including financial and other covenants under our debt financing arrangements, could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. As of June 30, 2022, our Total Borrowings were ₹ 25,203.19 million.**
- **We have had negative net cash flows in the past and may continue to have negative cash flows in the future.**
- **The four Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 64 public issues of equity shares in past three years out of which 22 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.**

Name of the BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues Closed below IPO pricing on listing day
ICICI Securities Limited*	22	9
Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited*	-	-
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited*	9	1
Edelweiss Financial Services Limited*	4	2
Common Issues of above BRLMs	29	10
Total	64	22

**Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs*

BID/ OFFER SCHEDULE

BID/ OFFER OPENS TODAY

BID/ OFFER CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 11, 2022[(1)]

[(1)] *UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 pm on the Bid/ Offer Closing Date.*

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF BSE AND NSE

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

As tensions mount, some Raj Bhavans are on the war path

The Governor is a high constitutional authority. He needs to function within the four walls of the Constitution and be a friend, philosopher and guide to his government

P.D.T Achary

As the Kerala High Court orders a stay on the show-cause notices sent by the Governor to the State's Vice-Chancellors and with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam calling for the removal of the Tamil Nadu Governor, the office and role of the constituitional head of States has come under the spotlight. In this article dated January 10, 2022, P.D.T Achary, explains how the Governor's position has to be in tandem with the governments'.

Recent media reports about the confrontation between the Governors and the State governments, in Maharashtra and Kerala, have turned the spotlight on the rather delicate relationship between the constitutional head of the State and the elected government. In Maharashtra, for example, the situation was indeed bizarre in so much as the Governor refusing to accept the date of election of the Speaker recommended by the State government. Consequently, the Assembly could not elect the Speaker.

The situation in Kerala has been no less bizarre. The State Governor having reappointed the Vice-Chancellor of Kannur University in accordance with the law, made an allegation against the Kerala government that he was under pressure from the Government to reappoint the Vice-Chancellor. The Governor confessed that he had done the wrong thing by yielding to governmental pressure. He has added that he does not want to remain the Chancellor any more, though he holds this position in an ex-officio capacity which means that he would have to remain the Chancellor as long as he is the Governor. But the Governor remains adamant.

The Governor levelling allegations against his own government is not a first-time development. In West Bengal this has been a regular feature. Similarly, non-acceptance of the advice of the Council of Ministers too has been witnessed in Rajasthan as well as Maharashtra again. Of course, there have been differences between Governors and Chief Ministers in the past too, but these have been rare occurrences. But the open confrontations now clearly cross the boundaries of what is constitutionally permissible behaviour.

In protest: Kerala's Leader of Opposition V. D. Satheesan speaks at the Raj Bhavan March against the selective discrimination of media by the Kerala Governor in Thiruvananthapuram. MAHINSHA. S

With discretionary powers

The relationship between the Governor and Chief Minister has, even at the best of times, not been absolutely simple and tension free. It has something to do with the whole idea of the office of the Governor and its past history. In the colonial era, the Governor was the absolute ruler of the province who was answerable ultimately to His Majesty, the King. A closer look at the debates in the Constituent Assembly on the Governor would reveal that there were divergent views on the powers to be given to the Governor. In fact, there were members in the Assembly who wanted the Governor to be as powerful as the colonial-era Governors. Though B.R. Ambedkar was clear that the Governor should only be a constitutional head and the executive power should vest entirely in the elected government, he promoted the idea of vesting certain discretionary powers in the Governor. In this respect he was guided by the thinking that the State governments are in subordination to the Union government and, therefore, the Governor should be given discretionary powers to ensure that they act so.

So, ultimately, the Governor who emerged from the Constituent Assembly was one with certain discretionary powers prescribed by or under the Constitution unlike the President of India who has not been given any such powers. Further, Article 163 (Article 143 in the draft Constitution) became a 'blind reproduction of Section 50 of the Government of India Act 1935' (H.V. Kamath). This exact reproduction of the provision in the Act of 1935 has, to a great extent, introduced a vagueness about the actual powers of the Governor vis-à-vis the elected government in democratic India which was corrected only with the Supreme Court of India stating the law in unambiguous terms in *Shamsher Singh* (1974). From *Shamsher Singh* to *Nabam Rebia* (2016) the top court declared that the Governor can, in the exercise of executive power of the state, act only on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers "...save in a few well-known exceptional situations".

The Maharashtra case

The Maharashtra Governor's refusal to accept the date of election of the Speaker goes against the principles of constitutional government. It must be stated here that the Constitution has not assigned any role to the Governor in the election of the Speaker under Article 178, which is exclusively the job of the House. It is only the House rule which says that the Governor shall fix the date. The date as such has no great significance. Under the procedure followed in all Assemblies, the government fixes the date and conveys it to the Secretary of the Assembly who forwards it to the office of the Governor for his signature. After the date is formally approved by the Governor – which he is duty bound to do – the members are informed about it.

Now the question is if the Governor does not approve the date, can the election be held? Fixing the date by the Governor is not of any constitutional importance; election by the House is the important thing. So, if the Governor stands in the way of the election, the only way open to the House is to amend that particular rule which empowers the Governor to fix the date. It can provide that the Secretary on receiving the date from the government shall notify the members of the same. The election can be held either through secret ballot or through a motion in the House as is done by the Lok Sabha. But it must be said that it could be for the first time in the history of free India that a Governor has refused to fix the date of election of the Speaker and, consequently, the election could not be held. The Maharashtra Assembly is now without a Speaker being in office.

In Kerala

The Kerala situation is even more curious. There, the controversy surrounds the reappointment of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor of Kannur University. There was a suggestion from the State government routed through the Pro Chancellor who is the Minister for Higher Education for the reappointment of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor. The Governor being the ex-officio Chancellor of the university and the appointing authority, accepted the suggestion and reappointed him. After some time, the Governor went public with a serious allegation that he had signed the order of appointment under pressure from the Government and that he had done the wrong thing by reappointing the Vice-Chancellor under pressure.

It must be stated here that the Governor had acted perfectly in accordance with the law in reappointing the incumbent Vice-Chancellor. Under the University Act, an incumbent Vice-Chancellor is eligible for reappointment. Since the Act does not lay down any specific procedure for reappointment, the Chancellor was right in accepting the suggestion or the recommendation made from the Government. In fact, he or she can accept suggestions from any person including the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. The point worth noting here is that the Governor as Chancellor is not required to act on the advice of the Council of Ministers in the matter of appointment of Vice-Chancellor and others in the university. He can act absolutely independently. He could also have rejected the suggestion from the Government.

The Kerala High Court has clarified this legal point in *Gopalakrishnan vs Chancellor, University of Kerala* . So the Governor of Kerala needs to apply his mind independently to the case of reappointment, evaluate the performance of the Vice Chancellor and fully satisfy himself about the merit of the appointee before signing the appointment order. It is presumed that he had done this. Therefore, it is baffling why he chose to go public and level serious allegations against the Government and incriminate himself in the process. Adding to the confusion, the Governor has divested himself of the ex-officio charge of Chancellor and declared that he will not be functioning as Chancellor. Needless to say, one cannot relinquish a charge which he holds in an ex-officio capacity unless he leaves his substantive post.

Detachment is the essence

These are very bizarre situations indeed. The Governor is a high constitutional authority. He needs to function within the four walls of the Constitution and be a friend, philosopher and guide to his government. The Constitution does not allow him to be a parallel government; nor does it make him personally responsible for his actions as Governor. That such confrontations take place only in Opposition-ruled States shows that political expediency has overtaken constitutional propriety. Wading through the Constituent Assembly debates, one comes across these wise words of Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava, a conscientious member of the Assembly: "He (Governor) will be a man above party and he will look at the minister and government from a detached stand point". Detachment is the essence of India's ancient culture. But Pandit Thakur Das's voice has ended up as a voice in the wilderness.

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ABSTRACT

The ways in which landlords fought against rent control

How eviction was used as a tactic by house-owners to raise rent in the face of strict rent control laws

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Geddes, Eilidh and Holz, Nicole, Rational eviction: How landlords use evictions in response to rent control (June 2, 2022).

Rent control, wherein the maximum rent that a landlord can charge a tenant is capped by law, has been used by governments across the world to make homes more affordable. For a long time, however, many economists have argued against rent control because it affects the financial incentive that landlords possess to supply housing. If the cost landlords must incur to provide housing to their tenants is higher than the rent they can charge from tenants under the law, this can lead to various undesirable outcomes. For example, some landlords may simply decide not to provide any kind of housing because it is uneconomical to do so when rents are capped.

Undesirable tactics

"Rational Eviction: How landlords use evictions in response to rent control," by Eilidh Geddes and Nicole Holz explores yet another undesirable way in which landlords may respond when faced with rent control laws. The authors of the paper study the effect of a 1994 referendum held in San Francisco which brought small buildings built in the city before 1980 under the ambit of rent control. Unlike the usual rent control laws, the new rent control law in San Francisco allowed landlords to raise rents under certain conditions. For example, landlords in the city could raise rents whenever they signed a new lease with a new tenant. This meant that landlords had a strong incentive to evict existing tenants and find new ones as the eviction of existing tenants allowed landlords to raise rents to market levels.

The ability to raise rents when tenants turned over may have worked to the favour of landlords, who could now raise rents in line with rising input costs and also charge higher rents during times of high demand. It may have also worked to the favour of new tenants who could find houses on rent more easily as long as they were ready to pay the going rental rate for houses. In other words, the allowance in the rent control law may have helped prevent deterioration in housing quality and could have also prevented a severe housing shortage. However, it was not to the benefit of existing tenants. These tenants could not legally opt to stay in their homes even by paying higher rent as it was illegal for landlords to charge more than the legal rent cap. Rather, they had to give way to new tenants who could pay more. Existing tenants may have thus faced unjustified and illegal eviction notices from landlords who wanted to raise rents.

The researchers estimate that for every 1,000 buildings brought under rent control in a certain zip code the new rent control law in San Francisco caused an additional 12.05 eviction notices and an additional 4.6 wrongful evictions. In absolute terms, the rent control law of 1994 led to 840 more eviction notices and 320 more wrongful eviction claims in a total of 25 zip codes. It was also found that adverse effects of rent control were 66% to 200% higher in low income zip codes. The effect of rent control laws was thus, particularly severe on low income households which were supposed to benefit the most from rent control.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Uttarakhand Day is celebrated annually on November 9 as the foundation day of the Indian State Uttarakhand. Here is a quiz on the formation of some Indian States and Union Territories

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Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This was a law passed by Parliament in 2000, which gave birth to a new State, carved out from an existing State. The new State is known for its rich presence of mineral and forest resources. Name both the States.

QUESTION 2

This became a Part 'C' State on January 26, 1950, when the Constitution of India came into effect. The State became a U.T. on November 1, 1956. In December 1970, an Act was passed by Parliament, and the new State came into being in January 1971, becoming the 18th State of India. Name the State.

QUESTION 3

He was an Indian historian, writer, and journalist, who played an important role in the unification of this State. He started a newspaper, to strive for its Statehood. Owing to his contribution, he is known as the State's high priest. Name the person and the State.

QUESTION 4

This is an autonomous region and was a proposed State in Northeast India. Along with the other parts of Northeast India, regional aspiration in the region reached a turning point in the 1980s. The region is now administered by an elected autonomous council. What is the name of this region?

QUESTION 5

This was a U.T. in 1961. One of the territories was granted full Statehood later, and the other portion remained a separate territory until December 2019, when it was merged with another territory. Name the State, and the U.T. it is called today.

Identify the place. FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The reason Mehta Kalu and Tripta named their son Nanak. **Ans: After his elder sister Nanki**

2. The job Nanak took up in the Daulat Khan Lodi court. **Ans: Storekeeper in the State's granary**

3. This Muslim friend and follower who accompanied Nanak and the instrument he played. **Ans: Bhai Mardana and the Rabab.**

4. The name given by Guru Nanak to his successor. **Ans: Guru Angad**

5. According to Sikh hagiography, what happened to Guru Nanak's body after his passing. **Ans: His physical body was not found and a pile of flowers had replaced it**

6. The last human Sikh Guru. **Ans: Guru Gobind Singh**

7. The common link between Bhai Daya Ram Ji, Bhai Dharam Chand Ji, Bhai Himmat Rai Ji, Bhai Mohkam Chand Ji, and Bhai Sahib Chand Ji. **Ans: They were the first 'Panj Pyare' or the 'five beloved' to receive the 'Khanda di Pahul' initiation from Guru Gobind Singh**

Visual: The name of this Gurudwara in Pakistan. **Ans: Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur**

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Word of the day

Phlegmatic:
showing little emotion

Synonyms: emotionlessness, impassive

Usage: *Even though she works a high stress job, she has a phlegmatic temperament*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/phlegmaticpro

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From Page One

Will remove *KGF* song from social media: Cong.

The High Court made it clear that setting aside of the interim order of the civil court will not come in the way of the legal rights of MRT Music, which had filed suit before the civil court for copyright violation against the party and its leaders, to pursue its suit and other legal remedies against the party and others for copyright violation.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the party, admitted before the Bench that using the 45-second part of song of the film was a mistake, and that somebody had inadvertently uploaded the song. He said that the party would remove the song from the social media platform without prejudice to its contentions to be urged before the civil court and claimed that song was not used for any commercial benefit.

However, Mr. Singhvi contended that there was no need for the civil court to order blocking the entire Twitter handle as what was required was only removal or blocking the copyrighted song, which was allegedly used in breach of the law.

INBRIEF

Shivaram Karanth Layout: BDA to regularise more buildings

On the directions of the Supreme Court, the Bangalore Development Authority has notified an additional extent of 245 acres and 16 guntas of land for the development of Dr. K. Shivaram Karanth Layout, already mired in several issues. These lands have been notified in the following villages: Somashettihalli, Lakshmipura, Gangirahally in Yeshwantpur Hobli and Byalakere, Kalathammanahalli, Guniagrahara, Mediagrahara in Hesaraghatta Hobli and Avalahalli, Veerasagara Ramagondanahalli, Kempanahalli, Doddabettahalli, and Shyamarajapura in Yelahanka Hobli.

Develop old *pete* areas along the lines of Church Street: Traders

With footpaths dug up for Smart City work, traders are forced to lay slabs over open drains to help customers enter shops in Chickpet

BIZ PLACE CHAOS

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Priyal Mishra
BENGALURU

Road and pavement development works under way in old *pete* areas in Bengaluru. NAVYA M.S.

The old *pete* areas are still called as the common man's malls by scores of shoppers and people who make their living there. While still known as the one-stop destination for all kinds of goods, the areas Chickpet, Sultanpet, Balepet, Old Tharagupet, and Avenue Road are now blighted by civic negligence and the slow pace of sewage work. As one of the leading revenue generators in the city, the traders in these areas demand that these streets be developed in the same way as Church Street to make shopping easier.

Smart City, white topping, and BWSSB works are going on in these streets leaving them in a non-commutable state for many months now.

With the BWSSB taking up choked sewage clearance work, heaps of dirt are being accumulated on roads and make the paths sludgy. The rains only worsen the situation.

Traders are forced to lay slabs over open drains to help customers make their way into the shops in Chickpet.

"The plight of customers and traders is miserable. They have to be very careful while entering shops as a misstep could land them in the drain. Roads are in such pathetic conditions and it creates chaos," said Indumathi, a regular shopper in this area.

"BWSSB has dug up the road at many places to clean sewage. The waste is left on the road. This causes inconvenience to customers as well as traders. Especially during rain, it is hazardous to our health. How can we expect shoppers to come?" asked Mahesh,a steel shop owner on Chickpet main road.

Some traders also reported that their workers have developed bronchitis and other such diseases due to the dust from the continuous civic work in the area.

"The white-topping work on Old Tharagupet is 60% completed now and the work at Sultanpet is moving at fast pace. However, our request is that with the revenue generated on these streets, if not all, at least Chickpet road and BVK Iyengar Road should be modelled after Church Street. For the kind of business which takes place, the development should also be on a par," said Sajjan Raj Mehta, trade activist.

Ahead of Modi's visit, BBMP claims 92.21% of potholes filled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) expedited filling potholes in the city ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on November 11 and claimed that it has filled 29,517 out of 32,011 potholes identified till Tuesday.

In a release, BBMP said it has filled 92.21% of potholes in the city and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said very soon the exercise will be completed. "Rain has stopped and we have started to fill potholes. We have asked the zonal commissioners to give a status report once the work is completed," he added.

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> **TUSHAR GIRI NATH**
> BBMP Chief Commissioner

After being pulled up repeatedly by the High Court and the public for the pothole menace, earlier Mr. Nath, in an internal circular, had warned the BBMP officials of strict action if the potholes are not fixed by November 5. However, the BBMP has not met the deadline and the civic body is yet to take action on officials, said a BBMP official.

The recent spell of rain has further deteriorated the condition of the city roads with several thousands of new potholes and bad stretches appearing. Several motorists and residents have been complaining and social media is abuzz with photographs and rants against potholes. Around six people were killed owing to potholes in Bengaluru over the last year.

DDPU tells principals to bring students to PM's events

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

A circular has been issued by the Deputy Director of Pre-University Education (DDPU), Bengaluru Rural District, directing principals of all colleges to bring an assigned number of students from their colleges to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's events in the district on November 11.

The circular cites a preparatory meeting of principals on November 2 where a target of students to be brought to the event from each college was discussed and decided. The circular directs principals to bring the students to the programme and ensure they return safely coordinating with the nodal officers for buses, failing which the principals will be "responsible for any consequences thereof."

Target set

Dayanand, in-charge DDPU, Bengaluru Rural District, who has issued the circular said: "In a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and CEO of Zilla Panchayat, they have ordered to bring college students for the Prime Minister's event, where he will address students with his motivational speech. They have also given us a target around 8,000 students and the district administration will arrange the bus facility."

Opposition reacts

The circular has drawn the ire of the Congress. Prakash Rathod, a member of the Legislative Council of the Congress, asked if an order to mobilise people for an event can be issued by the Education Department at all.

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AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of our Company is ₹ 550,000,000 divided into 550,000,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 1 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity share capital of our Company is ₹ 291,366,120 divided into 291,366,120 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 1 each . For details of the capital structure of our Company, see "*Capital Structure*" beginning on page 66 of the RHP.

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For **FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED**
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Chennai
Date: November 7, 2022

FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated November 9, 2021 read along with the addendum dated June 8, 2022 (the "**DRHP**") and has filed the RHP with the RoC and thereafter with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("**SEBI**") and the Stock Exchanges. The RHP is available on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in as well as on the websites of the BRLMs i.e., ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited at www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and the website of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, respectively. Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, see "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page 22 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP for any investment decision.

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CONCEPT

Tech, biotech, electronics will peg $10 billion with 10L jobs by 2030: KDEM

Karnataka Digital Economy Mission working on expanding businesses across State, says its chairman B.V. Naidu; Bengaluru Tech Summit set to turn 25 with edition starting on Nov. 16

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan with dignitaries at a press meet on the tech summit in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Technology, biotechnology, electronics, and digital transformation industries in the secondary and tertiary towns and cities of Karnataka will peg over $5 billion by 2026 and $10 billion in 2030 and will also create 5 lakh and 10 lakh jobs respectively, said B.V. Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), an outfit that has a mandate to de-choke the State capital by pushing industries to other parts of Karnataka under its 'Beyond Bengaluru' scheme.

Addressing a media conference on Tuesday, Mr. Naidu, who was director of Software Technologies Parks of India (Bengaluru) and also the one who put together the first edition of tech expo in 1998, said: "KDEM has been actively working on expanding businesses across the State and entrepreneurs and industries have been favourably responding to State's call of Beyond Bengaluru"'

"We hope that tech, biotech, and ESDM industry segments in Beyond Bengaluru will grow to the size of $5 billion and create over 5 lakh jobs by 2026 and it is expected to become $10 billion and 10 lakh jobs by 2030," added Naidu.

Karnataka's annual tech exposition, currently called Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), will turn a quarter century old event and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 25th edition of the summit, scheduled between November 16 and 18.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister, said: "BTS today is a landmark event recognised globally and it put India on the global technology map, making it one of the leading technology expositions. Our future will be defined by current innovations and technological advancements," he said.

The Department of Electronics, IT,BT,S&T, Government of Karnataka along with Software Technology Parks of India will jointly organise the 2022 edition of Asia's largest tech event.

Themed around 'Tech4NexGen', BTS 2022 would focus on Electronics, IT, Deep Tech, Biotech, and Startups. The event would also witness the unveiling of a Silver Jubilee Commemoration Plaque by Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister, along with the felicitation of 35 companies from ITE & Biotech

According to Mr. Narayan, the inauguration will be attended by global leaders comprising Emmanuel Macron, president of the French Republic (virtual), Omar Bin Sultan Al Olama, Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications, UAE; Tim Watts, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia; Petri Honkonen, Minister of Science and Culture of Finland, Finland, and Martin Schroeter, Chairman, Kyndryl USA.

Several people watch partial lunar eclipse

People watching the lunar eclipse at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Navya M.S.
Bharath Gowda B.R.
BENGALURU

The last eclipse of the year, the lunar eclipse on Tuesday, was partially visible in the city for a few minutes in evening. During the event, the moon was visible in a reddish hue which many termed as 'blood moon'.

The lunar eclipse is safe to see even with the naked eye, and some people got out of the town to get a clear view, while others climbed up their terraces. Several others thronged temples after the eclipse to offer prayers.

However, a group of people served biriyani and other food items on the steps of Town Hall to bust what they termed as "blind belief" that people should not cook or eat during an eclipse. Shairik, a student from the Indian Institute of Science said, "There is no bad effect on the body if one consumes food or drinks water during any eclipse. There is always a conflict between science and superstition. We should learn to question rather than follow superstitions without any knowledge."

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium installed telescopes on its campus to view the partial eclipse. A demonstration of the eclipse model, live Q&A session followed by live streaming on YouTube was organised.

Several parents brought their children to give them a scientific understanding of it. Anushka, a student of class V from St. Germains Academy, said, "I used to see solar and lunar eclipses in textbooks. Today, I am happy that I got a chance to witness it live. Thanks to the planetarium for helping us experience it".

Neighbour's son among two held for ex-IB officer's murder

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Police Commissioner Chandragupta addressing presspersons at his office in Mysuru on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

The sensational murder of former Intelligence Bureau officer R.N. Kulkarni that rocked Mysuru city has been cracked with the police arresting the 30-year-old son of the deceased's neighbour and his friend, and recovering the car that was used for committing the crime on November 4.

The police said Manu, the eldest son of Kulkarni's neighbour Madappa, and his friend Varun, had been arrested. Varun had allegedly helped Manu execute the murder of the retired IB officer, who had a long-standing disagreement with Mr. Madappa and his family over a construction taken up adjacent to his house.

The involvement of others in the murder conspiracy is under investigation, the police said. "As of now, the only motive behind the killing is the dispute between the families of Mr. Kulkarni and Mr. Madappa. Further investigation into the case is on," said Police Commissioner Chandragupta.

Mr. Chandragupta said Manu was annoyed over Kulkarni's sustained resistance and therefore hatched the plot to eliminate him. Manu deliberately rammed the car he was driving against Kulkarni on November 4 in a bid to kill him and the act was caught on a CCTV camera. The footage was a vital clue for registering a case of murder by the Jayalakshmipuram police. "It was a planned murder," the Commissioner said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **Sri.K.RAMPRASAD, Dr.K.ROHITH and Smt.K.REVATHI**, all are children of late K.Ramamurthy and late K.Mandakini, residing at:No.26, HITHA, DOLLARS SCHEME, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560096.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.43, PID No.16-6-43, measuring East to West 50 ft, and North to South 30 ft, with a building thereon, situated at LIC Model Housing Society, 1st 'A' Cross, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 and bounded on:

East by : Private property
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North by : Site No.42
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Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP
Office Building, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru.

No.:EE/PN/TEND/17/2022-23 Date:08.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in ward No. 77, D.J. Halli	2.00	2500/-
2.	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in ward No. 78, S.K. Garden	2.00	2500/-
3.	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in ward No. 80, Pulikeshinagar	2.00	2500/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **10.11.2022, 4:00 p.m. onwards. 2)** Last date for submission of tenders: **19.11.2022 upto 4:00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of Tenders: **21.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m.** (If Possible). Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or e-procurement helpdesk : 080-25481112 or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division.

Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(A Government of Karnataka Institutions)
No. 8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052

No.: KREIS/Project(1)/CR(3)/2022-23 Date: 07.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Through E-Tendering Only)

The expression of interest is invited for hiring consultancy services for Preparation of DPRs and Hiring consultancy services for project management to supervise, monitor and construction of Residential School Building / Hostel / Bhavanas and allied infrastructure development works are various location in Karnataka separately through E-procurement from eligible consultants as per bid document on 07.11.2022. (INDENT NO: KREIS/SERVICE/DPR-EOI/CR-21/2022-23, KREIS/SERVICES/PMC-EOI/CR-22/2022-23) The details of notification and conditions etc., are available in website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Schedule of Events

1	Pre-bid meeting date & time	22.11.2022 at 3:00 p.m.
2	Last date and time receipt of bids	06.12.2022 at 5:30 p.m.
3	Date & time for opening of Technical bid.	09.12.2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The consultants are requested to get updated with corrigendum addendum (if any) issued online at the following website in the entire tender progress. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

***Sd/-* Executive Engineer**
KREIS
DIPR/CP/LC/2990/2022-23

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
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No. KNNL/SLID/DWD/PB/4701-Roads/Tender/2022-23/1055
Dt : 07-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)
(THROUGH "*e-Procurement*" ONLY)

Reference : 1. This office tender notification No. KNNL/SLID/DWD/PB/4701-Roads/Tender/2022-23/651, Dt : 17-08-2022
2. This office Corrigendum-I No. KNNL/SLID/DWD/PB/4701-Roads/Tender/2022-23/752, Dt : 26-08-2022

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru , Percentage tenders are invited in Single cover system from eligible tenderers by the undersigned, for the work of **"Improvements to road from Tadasa-Belagatti-Karlabandari road and CD Construction in Shiggaon Taluk of Haveri District" (I.No.33686)** (Tender amount Rs. **21.15** Lakhs) under head of A/c 4701- M & MI –Shiggaon/ Savanur LIS through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **10/11/2022** @ 11.00 a.m. onwards and the completed e-tendering documents can be submitted up to **28/11/2022** @ 4.00 p.m. The financial bids will be opened on **29/11/2022** @ 4.30 p.m.

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Sd/- (S.K. Kulkarni)
Executive Engineer, KNNL, SLI DIVISION, DHARWAD
DIPR/DWD/MCA/734/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department Mangaluru Division Mangaluru
Ref :-PW:DIV:MAG:TND(49E):2022-23:JE-3: Dated: 07.11.2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP Act Indent No : 153907, 158050, 155386, 154495, 158639, 159137 **Under the Head Of Account :- 5054- District and Other Roads Improvements (Apendix E). Last date for reciept of above tender: 22.11.2022 upto 16.00 Hours**
Inviting Tender Indent No : 154418 & 159397 **5054- District and Other Roads Improvements (Apendix E) Last date for reciept of above tender: 15.11.2022 upto 16.00 Hours**
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I, SHALINI.S W/o E.Venkatesan, R/a No.6, C Main Road, Muneshwara Block, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003 have changed my name from Sampath Shalini to Shalini S vide affidavit dt: 05.11.2022 sworn before Notary M.S.Satish, B'lore.

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Sd/-
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Govt. told to submit data on installation of GPS devices in ambulances

HC issues direction while hearing a PIL petition filed in March 2020

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday directed the State government to submit details of installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) in ambulances, both in government-run 108 services and those owned by private operators.

The court asked the government about action taken to give traffic clearance to ambulances, including private ones, by linking them with the control room of the State health services and the traffic police control room till the newly proposed integrated hi-tech ambulance service project is implemented through the ongoing tender process.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi issued the direction while hearing a PIL petition filed in March 2020 by Bharat Punarothana Trust, Bengaluru, on need for better system in place for ambulance movement in the city.

As it was pointed out to by the government counsel that the Commissioner for Road Safety in March 2020 had issued circular for compulsory installation of GPS in ambulance and asked the regional transport officers to submit monthly reports, the Bench asked for data on GPS in ambulances.

The Bench also asked the government to inform whether there was any failure in installing GPS in ambulances and if so, what action had been initiated.

The Bench said it would be appropriate for the government to issue instruction to ambulance manufacturers to install GPS in the vehicles at the manufacturing level.

SSLC student ends life after being scolded by teacher for copying

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Moin Khan jumped from the terrace of a 14-storey building as the residents watched helplessly

A 16-year-old boy jumped from the terrace of a 14-storey residential apartment in Nagawara, while people looked on Tuesday.

The incident occurred at around 4.30 p.m. Moin Khan, an SSLC student at a private school, was the only son of Mohammed Noor and Nouhera.

On Tuesday, he was caught by his teacher while trying to copy in a class test and was reprimanded and sent out as punishment. Depressed, Moin managed to sneak out of the school campus and came to the apartment close to his house. He climbed up the terrace of the building and jumped as residents watched helplessly. He held the parapet wall for a few seconds and while a resident ran to help, he fell to the ground.

The incident was captured on a mobile phone, which later went viral. Moin was rushed to a nearby hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. he police managed to contact the school and alerted the parents.

The parents have filed a case with the Sampigehalli police accusing the school management of negligence for letting the boy out during the school hours and accused the teacher of abetting suicide.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help).

Appointed

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Sanjiv Kumar (IAS) has been appointed Administrative Member in CAT. According to an order, Dr. Kumar will serve in the post for a period of 4 years, or till he attains the age of 67, whichever is earlier.

Co-op. society director held for cheating investors

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kempegowda Nagar police on Tuesday arrested five persons, including the director of a co-operative society, for allegedly cheating customers and committing irregularities to the tune of ₹90 crore. Based on the two cases filed in August, the police arrested Ishwarappa B., 71, former vice-president, and B.L. Srinivas, 64, former director of Kuruhinashetty Souharda Credit Co-operative Society along with others who had borrowed crores of rupees on loan.

Investigations by the police revealed that the directors and other members of the co-operative, have been committing the irregularities since the inception of the society in 2011. The accused would grant loan to friends and family without following due diligence, police said.

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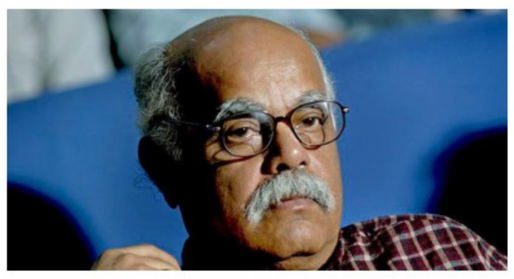


Actor Lohitashwa passes away

Kannada theatre and film actor Lohitashwa passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday after a brief illness. He was 80.

Known for his baritone and clear diction, he had featured in over 500 Kannada films, besides numerous television serials. With his roots in Kannada theatre, he had not only acted in plays but also penned some. He had served as a professor of English for several years. One of his sons, Sharath Lohitashwa, is also a well-known actor. Some of Lohitashwa's films include *Abhimanyu, Apadbandhava, Geeta, Samayada Gombe and Saarathi*. He also appeared in serials like *Grihabhanga and Malgudi Days*.

Govt. issues circular for creation of revenue villages

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The State government has issued a circular to officials of the Revenue Department to identify human habitations, which are not part of revenue villages, and bring them to the mainstream either by converting them to revenue villages or by making them part of existing revenue villages.

Rajendra Prasad M.N., Director, Cell for Creation of Revenue Villages, issued the circular with guidelines for the process on Tuesday. This will benefit residents of Lambani tanda, Gollarahatti, Vaddarahatti, Nayakarahatti, Kurubarahatti, Haadi, Majare, Doddi, Palya, Camp and Colony to get records for their residential properties.

The circular said the government had brought in an amendment to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961, to issue RTCs for residents of human habitations with no documents. It also listed the steps to be taken by Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and tahsildars to identify such places and declare them as revenue villages.

The officers have to identify survey numbers and measure the areas of such habitations and DCs have to issue notifications as per form 2E of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act.

The public could be given time to file objections or suggestions, if any, in response to the notification. The DCs have the power to either accept or reject the objections. The private lands should be shown as government lands in the Pahanis (RTCs) and issue notifications. Later, the tahsildars and assistant commissioners can start issuing title deeds to the residents. The officers need not wait until new revenue villages were declared. The circular insists that tahsildars personally visit the habitations and take applications from the residents.

EWS quota: Five communities with 4% population eligible in State

Unlike in other States, even religious minorities such as Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Digambar Jains, besides Lingayats and Vokkaligas, come under the purview of reservation in Karnataka under the 32% OBC quota

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

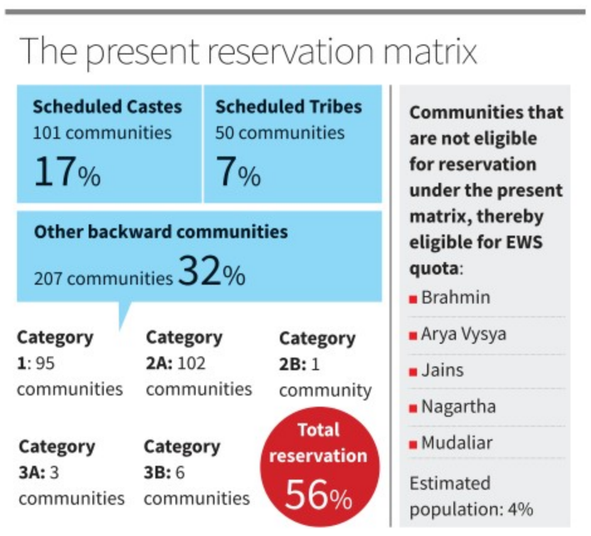
Karnataka presents a unique challenge for the implementation of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), as only five communities that make up an estimated 4% of the State's population are presently not eligible for any reservation, making them, thereby, eligible for EWS quota.

In Karnataka, five communities – Brahmin, Jain, Arya Vysya, Nagartha and Mudaliar – are outside the existing reservation matrix.

As the majority judgment of the apex court has upheld the Union government's move to exclude all communities that are eligible for any kind of reservation elsewhere from the EWS quota, only these five communities will be eligible for the EWS quota in Karnataka.

Unlike in other States, even religious minorities such as Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Digambar Jains, besides Lingayats and Vokkaligas, come under the purview of reservation in the State under the 32% OBC quota.

Over 95% of the State's population are covered by the present reservation matrix.



Test of backwardness

Speaking of the five communities, C.S. Dwarakanath, former chairman of Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes (KSCBC), said that these are the communities that have failed the test of backwardness, devised by the Havanur Commission. "Providing 10% EWS quota to these communities will mean reservation of about 2.5 times more than their entire population," he said.

"The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been given reservation in proportion to their population only recently and 32% reservation for OBCs is less than half of their estimated population. In that scenario, providing forward castes reservation many times more than their population is a mockery of social justice," argued Prof. Ravi Verma Kumar, another former chairman of KSCBC.

There is also opposition to the idea of reservation on economic criteria itself. "Karnataka is the first State to implement any kind of affirmative action as far back as 1874, after the first census of 1872 showed the preponderance of Brahmins in public administration. Given that history and the fact that EWS quota is only an enabling provision and not mandatory on the States, it will be a travesty to provide Brahmins, who will be the main beneficiaries of EWS quota, reservation many times their population will be an injustice," said Prof. Kumar.

Population and proportion

Even if the State government goes ahead and implements the EWS quota, it needs to be proportional to the population of the communities eligible for that quota, former chairpersons of KSCBC argue. Experts also point out that providing 10% reservation for EWS among five forward communities that make up 4% of the State's population, where income levels also disqualify many, will practically end up in unfilled seats in education institutions.

'Govt. will soon pass Bill and implement the EWS quota'

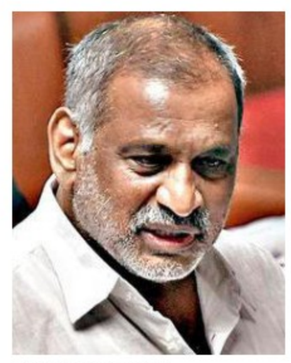
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government will soon pass a Bill in the State legislature to implement 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told *The Hindu*. "We will likely introduce the bill in the coming winter session of the legislature," he said.

"The Union Government had implemented the EWS quota in Union government institutions and jobs that have now been upheld by the Apex Court. Now we need to pass a law in the State legislature to introduce the same in the State reservation matrix," Mr. Madhuswamy said.

The Law Minister said the State government had put the implementation of EWS reservation on hold as implementing it would breach the 50% cap on reservation imposed by the Supreme Court and the Apex Court was seized on the matter.

"Now that the Supreme Court has cleared the proposal, we will implement it very soon," he said.


J.C. Madhuswamy

Review petition planned

Meanwhile, various Dalit leaders and organisations have decided to submit the review petition before the Supreme Court challenging the EWS quota.

Indudhara Honnapura, a Dalit leader, said, "In this, the majority verdict has considered only upper caste economically weaker sections, but not other communities. This is the height of the discrimination," he said, adding that they will also create public awareness on this.

Murugha Mutt seer committed unpardonable crime, says Yediyurappa

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU/HUBBALLI

The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has said that seer of Murugha Mutt Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who is facing charges under The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, has committed an "unpardonable crime".

Speaking at Adi Udupi on Tuesday, he said, "The whole world knows about it. No one expected that the seer would stoop to such a low level. The seer should be punished accordingly and all should condemn his action."

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that any decision on appointing an administrator to the mutt would be taken after the receipt of a report from the Revenue Department.

Memorandum received

He told presspersons at Sanehalli in Chitradurga district that the government had received a memorandum seeking the appointment of an administrator to Murugha mutt.

"But before taking any decision on the issue, it is the government's responsibility to assess the ground reality. Accordingly, the Revenue Department has sought details on the mutt's functioning and other issues. Any further action will be taken based on the report from the department," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from it's owner **Mr. N. Sathyanarayan S/o. N.Nagappa** R/@: No.26, 8th 'B' Cross, Ganesh Nagar Layout, Near Shriram Shreyas Apartment, Virupakshapura, Bangalore North, P.O, Vidyaranyapura, BENGALURU - 560 097, who claims that he has been in continuous possession & enjoyment thereof as its sole & absolute owner. He has further represented to our clients that he is also called by the name of **Mr. N. Satish S/o of N.Nagappa** & that few official records also are standing in his second name, all of which refer to & relate only to him. However the title deeds by which he purchased the schedule property are executed in his first name i.e, as Sathyanarayana s/o. N. Nagappa The members of public are hereby notified that if any person/s were to have any rights, claims, interests, dispute, title & possession whatso ever over the schedule property herein or the portion thereof, all such persons shall lodge their claims with supporting documents within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

In the event of no tenable objection/s are received with supporting documents in accordance with law within the said time our client/s will be proceeding with the intended sale transaction of the schedule property. Any or all claims received or on after the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Residential property bearing **Old No.219, New No.40, situated at 10th Cross, Lakshmi Narayana Pura, presently lying in the BBMP ward No. 97, Bashyamnagar, with PID No.24-47-40, measuring East to West 30 feet & North to South 45 feet, totally measuring 1350 square feet** with a building standing thereon having Ground floor, First floor, Second Floor & Third Floor, measuring about 5400 square feet, having mosaic tiled flooring, Jungle wood doors & windows, & bounded on the

East by: Road,
West by: L. Lakshmaiah's Property,
North by: Conservancy and
South by:10 ft passage for ingress & egress.

G.R. ANANTHARAM- ADVOCATE
87(old), New #13, 5th Mn,N.R.Colony,B'lore-19
#: 08026602375 (M): 94482-81647
Email: anantharam.gr@gmail.com
Bangalore, Dtd: 7-11-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client by name **Mrs. Nazneen** Akhtar Maldar D/o Late Jamaluddin, R/at No.77, 1st Floor, Habib Sab Building, NR Mamia Masjid Road, Shikaripalya, Bangalore-560100 intends to get register sale deed from the original vendor Sri. Nemichand. R S/o Late Rajaram R/at No.18, Main Road, Near Ashwathnagar Bus Stop, Thanisandra, Dr. SRK Naga Post, Bangalore-560 077 in respect of property bearing Site No. 30 & Northern Smaller Portion of **Site No.29, Property Nos. 72/4, 72/5, 72/5, 72/6 and 72/7, BBMP Sl.No. 2427, New No.2753,** Situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.6, Bangalore, Measuring to an extent of East to West: 30, East to North : 26 ft, measuring 780 sq.ft which is morefully described in the Schedule and hereinafter called the Schedule Property anybody having right, title claim demand whatsoever rights in accordance with the law in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit their objections in writing together with documentary proof to establish their claim, this should reach to undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice, if any objections claims are not received in this stipulated time, it shall be presumed that no one has got any right, title claim upon the Schedule Property and my client will proceed to compete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 30 & Northern Smaller Portion of Site No.29, Property Nos. 72/4, 72/5, 72/5, 72/6 and 72/7, BBMP SL.No. 2427, New No.2753, Situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.6, Bangalore, Measuring to an extent of East to West: 30, East to North :26 ft, measuring 780 sq.ft and bounded on:-

East by : Site No.31 &32;
West By : 15 Feet Wide Road;
North By : PrivateProperty;
South By : Remaining Southern Larger Portion of Site No.29, Belongs to Sri. M. Vishnu Vardhan;

SRI. YAKUB SHARIEFF,
Advocate
Office at S.R.K. & ASSOCIATES,
No.3, 1st Floor, Beside Ajay Kumar Studio Opp. Govt. Junior College,
B.B. Road, Chikkaballapura Town & District-562101 Mobile : 9341886191.

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, VIGILANCE
2nd Floor, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
Phone: 080-23365562, 23440467, Email: apccfvigil@gmail.com

No: KFD/VIGI/WRLS/03/2022 **Date: 08/11/2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance, Bengaluru invites tender in two cover system for selection of Supplying for Wireless related Equipment's and Spares for Maintenances of Wireless Communications Network in Karnataka Forest Department through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Prospective suppliers willing to participate in this tender shall necessarily register themselves with above mentioned e-procurement portal.

1	Tender Reference No and Date	No: KFD/VIGI/WRLS/03/2022 Dt:07/11/2022
2	Amount put to Tender	**Rs.25.50 Lakhs**
3	Date and Time for Pre-bid Meeting	19/11/2022, 15.30 HRS
4	Last date & Time for submission of Tender	25/11/2022, 16.00 HRS
5	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	02/12/2022, 11.30 HRS
6	Tentative Date & Time of opening of Commercial bid	13/12/2022, 11.30 HRS
7	EMD Amount	**Rs. 0.51/- Lakhs**
8	Venue of pre-bid meeting, opening of tenders & address for communicaion	Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance 2nd floor, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwram, Bengaluru - 560 003

Prospective suppliers willing to participate in this tender can download the bid documents by visiting the web site http://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vigilance, Bengaluru & Tender Inviting Authority

DIPR/CP/VCPL/2999/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that my client **SRI.KIRAN KIVADA SANNAVAR** is the absolute owner of Schedule Property. He states that the Schedule Property is his self-acquired property and the same was allotted to him by the Karnataka Police Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha (Niyamitha), Mysore, represented by its Executive Director and Secretary Sri. Nanjundegowda vide Allotment Letter/Manjurathi Patra and Possession certificate both dated 30.05.2014. The original allotment letter and possession certificate were lost/misplaced at the time of getting xerox of the same in Vijayanagar, Bangalore. He declares that the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, liened or encumbered in whole or part thereof in any manner. Further, the public is hereby notified that if anyone finds the original allotment letter and possession certificate both dated 30.05.2014, he/she/they is/are requested to deliver the same to the undersigned. And if, person/s having any right, title, interest and claim/s over the Schedule Property can approach the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence **within ten (10) days** from the date of this publication and objections and / or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client can consider as if there is/are no objection/s / no claimant/s on the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the Site Bearing No.471, measuring East to West: 18 meters and North to South:12 meters, in the residential layout formed by the Karnataka Police Griha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha (Niyamitha), Mysore and approved by Mysuru Urban Development Authority, Mysuru, at several survey numbers of Lalithadripura Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore and bounded as follows: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.474, **North by :** Site No.472, **South by :** Site No.470.

Sd/- **Date: 09.11.2022**
JYOTHI HP & CO. **Place: Bengaluru**
Advocates and Legal Consultants
99/A, 1st Floor, 'Sri Rama Arcade', 6th Cross, 16th Main Road, Industries & Commerce Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040.
Mobile Nos. 9880853751 & 9353758718.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
(ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ.)
ಇ-mail: dhoyadgiri2@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08473-251312.

ಸಂ/ಜಿ.ಆ.ಕು.ಕ.ಅ/ಯಾದ/ /2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04/11/2022

::ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ::

ವಿಷಯ :- 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಅನುದಾನದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಸಾಯನಿಕ, ತಪಾಷಣಾ ಕಿಟ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಜ್ಯೂ ಮೋಬೈಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಖರೀದಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು.

ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಅಧಿನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಅನುದಾನದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಸಾಯನಿಕ, ತಪಾಷಣಾ ಕಿಟ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಜ್ಯೂಮೋಬೈಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರಅರ್ಹ ಪೂರೈಕೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್(ಇ-Procurement) ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇ-Procurement ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಹಂತದ ಘಟನಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜರುಗಿಸಲು ಸಿದ್ದಪಡಿಸಿದ ಕಾಲಬದ್ಧ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-11-2022. 2) ಮಾದರಿ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10-11-2022 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿದ ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ : ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ 68.73 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.ಗಳು 1,71,825/- ರೂಗಳು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ 4) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವದು : 04-11-2022 5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 05-11-2022. 6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 14-11-2022. 7) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 15-11-2022 8) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 16-11-2022.

1) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. 2. ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೌತಿಕವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕವರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದವುಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. 3) ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 7, ಮತ್ತು 8 ರಲ್ಲಿಇರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಮಿತಿಯ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಆಡಳಿತಾತ್ಮಕ ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ (ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ ಸಂಧರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ) ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೊಳಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. 4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. (ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರದಾರರು ಅನುಪಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಇದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಮುಂದುವರೆಯುತ್ತದೆ.) 5) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿತ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಕ್‌ಲೆಟ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಶುಲ್ಕಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಡಿಡಿ(ಹುಂಡಿ)ಯನ್ನುಇ-Procurement ಮೂಲಕವೇ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಸಹಿ/-ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕರಿಗಳು
ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

ಪಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/305/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022-23

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Portal Mode Only)

No.: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/4380-84 **Dated: 07.11.2022**

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

1. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/line/20** for Re-construction of existing 66KV S/C line on S/C towers to DC line on DC towers using coyote conductor from the existing 10 Pole structure to Mandya KIADB Line tapping point Mandya town limits for a distance of **3.384Kms** on Total Turnkey Basis.

2. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/42** for Providing additional 1x8 MVA 66/11KV Power Transformer at Kanagal 66/11KV Sub-station in Periyapatna Taluk & Mysuru District on Partial Turnkey Basis.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** on or after **15.11.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, El., Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ID, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department
Karnataka Maritime Board
Office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division, 'Shamil Hall' 2nd floor, Ambalapady, Udupi-576103
Tel No: 0820-2532961, Fax No: 0820-2532961, Email: pfdudupi@gmail.com
No:EE: P&F: DVN: Udupi:AE:Tender Notification-21/2022-23: Dt.: 08-11-2022

Invitation for tenders (IFT) Two cover system Short Term Tender Postpone Notification

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in E-Procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Name of work and Indent Number: (1) Dredging in front of Gangolli Fishing Harbour and Kodi Jetty navigation channel at Byndoor Taluk, Udupi District. (Indent No:91), Tender Amount **Rs. 3,45,73,522.37,** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount): Rs.5.19lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs.4.19 lakh as mentioned in bid document.) (2) Dredging in basin and navigation channel at Malpe fishinh harbour in Udupi Taluk, Udupi District (Indent No:92), Tender Amount **Rs. 2,22,84,458.13,** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount): Rs.3.34lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs.2.34 lakh as mentioned in bid document.) (3) Dredging at Mangalore fishery harbour in Mangalore Taluk, D.K District. (Indent No:88) Tender Amount **Rs. 2,79,37,504.18,** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount): Rs.4.19lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs.3.19 lakh as mentioned in bid document.)

For the above Works Last date for quarries: **17-11-2022 at 16.00 hours**, Date of receipt of Tender: **18-11-2022 at 17.00 hours**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADU/MCA/569/22-23 Dt.08.11.2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes - Dasarahalli Division, #309, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02.

No: EE/Lakes-Dasarahalli/Tend-08/2022-23 **Date: 08.11.2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance of Dasarahalli STP.	**20.00**	50,000/-
2	Maintenance of Kammagondanahalli Lake STP.	**15.00**	37,500/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of the GoK **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from 10.11.2022 onwards.** (2) Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **21.11.2022 upto 16:00 hrs.** (3) Opening of Tender document: **21.11.2022 at 16:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Lakes-Dasarahalli Division, BBMP

First privately developed rocket all set for launch

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

India's first privately developed rocket Vikram-S by Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace is poised to create history as it undergoes final preparations at the ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)'s launchpad in Sriharikota for launch between November 12 and 16.

The mission 'Prarambh', meaning 'the beginning', since it is the first mission for Skyroot, was unveiled by ISRO chairman S. Somanath in Bengaluru after the technical launch clearance from the Space regulator IN-SPACe, said an official release from the firm on Tuesday.

While the launch window has been notified by the authorities concerned, the final date will depend on the weather conditions.

With this maiden mission, Skyroot is set to become the first private space company in India to launch a rocket into space, heralding a new era for the space sector which was recently opened up to facilitate private sector participation, said CEO and co-founder Pawan Kumar Chandana. Skyroot, a two-time national award winner, is the first start up to sign an MoU with ISRO in this regard. "We could build Vikram-S rocket mission-ready in such a short time only because of the invaluable support we received from ISRO and IN-SPACe," he said.

Kerala to amend IPC to curb 'printing of indecent matter'

K.S. Sudhi
KOCHI

Taking cue of the legislation introduced in Odisha and Tamil Nadu, the Kerala government proposes to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and bring in legislation to curb the printing, publishing and distribution of 'grossly indecent or scurrilous matter or matter intended for blackmail.'

The proposed amendment, the Criminal Law (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 2022, is understood to be currently under the consideration of the Home department.

Congress, Satish Jarkiholi should apologise: Bommai

Cong. leader stands by his comments on the term 'Hindu'; says he is only citing what has been said by people such as Dayanand Saraswati

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU/HUBBALLI

Basavaraj Bommai and Satish Jarkiholi

Continuing the attack on Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president Satish Jarkiholi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Tuesday that the party should apologise for his statement that the term 'Hindu' is Persian in origin and its meaning is "dirty and insulting".

Speaking to media persons at Adi Udupi helipad before flying to Shirahatti, the Chief Minister said all should condemn Mr. Jarkiholi's statement. "Why are Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Siddaramaiah, who otherwise react to even minor matters, silent over his statement? Is their silence an approval of Mr. Jarkiholi's statement?" he asked.

Mr. Bommai said the Congress was behaving as if it concurred with the statement of Mr. Jarkiholi. "His knowledge (about Hindu religion) is half-baked and his studies are not deep," he added.

Mr. Jarkiholi, meanwhile, said that he was ready to submit his resignation from the post of legislator if anyone proved that what he said about the term 'Hindu' was wrong. He said in Belagavi that he stands by the statement that the word 'Hindu' is of Persian origin.

"This is not my statement. Dayanand Saraswati has mentioned about this in *Satyartha Prakash*. In Bal Gangadhar Tilak's *Kesari* also it was mentioned and in G.S. Patil's book *Basava Bharata* also this has been referred. This apart, there are thousands of documents where there has been mention about this aspect," Mr. Jarkiholi said, adding that his statements were being distorted.

At a rally of Manava Bandhutva Vedike in Nippani of Belagavi district on Sunday, Mr. Jarkiholi had said that the term 'Hindu' did not originate in India. Instead, he claimed, it was of Persian origin and referred to countries such as Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. "If you understand its original meaning, you will be ashamed of yourself. The original meaning of the term is very dirty and insulting," he said. It had triggered a controversy, resulting in Congress national general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewal condemning it and distancing the party from Mr. Jarkiholi's remarks.

Minor girl raped by two in Hyderabad

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

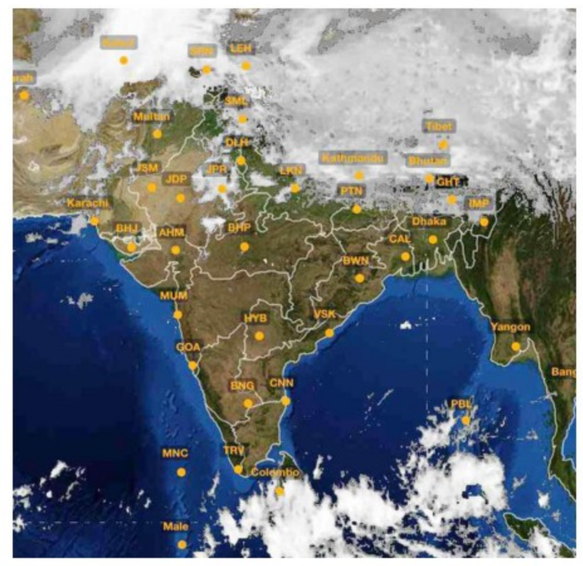
A girl studying in Class 9 was allegedly raped by her friend and a minor boy in Meerpet police limits here late on Saturday.

The incident came to light on Monday when the girl disclosed her ordeal to parents.

A case has been registered on Tuesday. Police are yet to nab the accused.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Squally weather likely to prevail over north parts of southwest Bay of Bengal.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.2	21.2	Kozhikode	0.1	32.5	24.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.2	20.5	Kurnool	—	34.0	20.9
Aizawl	—	26.3	14.3	Lucknow	—	31.6	18.5
Allahabad	—	31.7	17.6	Madurai	—	32.5	24.1
Bengaluru	—	29.0	17.9	Mangaluru	2.2	33.4	23.6
Bhopal	—	33.5	17.5	Mumbai	—	33.0	23.6
Bhubaneswar	—	31.6	20.6	Mysuru	—	30.0	20.2
Chandigarh	—	27.1	15.2	New Delhi	—	28.2	17.4
Chennai	—	29.0	24.2	Patna	—	30.8	18.4
Coimbatore	—	31.0	22.1	Port Blair	7.0	27.8	24.2
Dehradun	—	26.7	14.6	Puducherry	0.6	32.2	22.3
Gangtok	—	19.2	11.0	Pune	—	31.6	15.8
Goa	—	33.6	22.2	Raipur	—	31.0	18.2
Guwahati	—	31.0	19.2	Ranchi	—	28.3	15.9
Hubballi	—	30.0	18.0	Shillong	—	20.1	11.8
Hyderabad	—	31.2	16.5	Shimla	—	18.8	9.9
Imphal	—	27.7	12.0	Srinagar	—	11.7	4.3
Jaipur	—	30.7	19.0	Thiruvananthapuram	5.0	30.1	23.6
Kochi	—	30.6	25.0	Tiruchi	—	31.7	24.0
Kohima	—	23.7	10.2	Vijayawada	—	31.4	22.4
Kolkata	—	31.2	21.5	Visakhapatnam	—	31.6	24.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.—	191	40	217	—	
Bengaluru	.15	.20	36	148	86	
Chennai	.2	.50	48	99	81	
Delhi	.17	103	77	424	403	
Hyderabad	.6	.56	54	228	—	
Kolkata	.15	.26	19	237	192	
Lucknow	.10	105	45	244	175	
Mumbai	.24	152	26	256	118	
Pune	.—	.61	49	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	.36	.54	39	174	163	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 372 indicating a very poor level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients **Sameer Jain** & **Sarika Jain** are the absolute owners of the Schedule property and Agreement to Sell dated 07/02/2011 executed in favour of them in respect of the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder is lost while shifting the house and our clients had filed a complaint in respect of this to Bengaluru City police Unit immediately after coming to their knowledge.

Any person/s having found the same may kindly be returned to the undersigned or to the jurisdictional police or undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication and if any person misusing the original one shall be prosecuted and if any one entering into any transaction without our client's knowledge with any third party our client shall not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Flat bearing No.**T-303**, Third **Floor** of '**MAPLE**' Block in the apartment Known as "**ADARSH PALM RETREAT TOWER III**" measuring **2195 Sq. Feet of Super built up area, along with one car parking space in the Basement together with 607 Sq. feet undivided share** in the Adarsh Palm Retreat Condominiums constructed in the portion of properties bearing Sy.Nos. 91/1, 93, 94, & 95 of Bhoganahalli Village and portions of properties bearing Sy.Nos. 73, 74, 92, 93/1 & 93/2 & part of Sy.No. 94/1A, 94/1B, 94/2, 94/3 & 94/4 measuring 20 Acres 39.18 Guntas or 84900.35 Sq.Mtrs., situated at Doddakannelli Village, Bangalore.

Sd/- **Akhila & Associates, Advocates**
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Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.
Phone: 9741300393

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
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No: BBMP/EE/YNK.D/E-PMT/15/2022-23 Date: 08-11-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - SHORT TERM
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Rangamandira at Doddabettahalli Govt. School in Attur Ward No. 04. **(2nd Call)**	**100.00**	**1.50**
2	Additional Developments to Yelahanka Kalyani in Kempegowda Ward No. 01 of Yelahanka Sub Division. **(2nd Call)**	**60.00**	**1.20**

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting on **16-11-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Yelahanka Division). 3)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 22-11-2022. 4)** Date of Opening of Bids **on 23-11-2022 after 16.00 Hrs.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:CEE/TRZ/SEE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/8088-91 Date: 07 .11.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TKR/TZ/CEP-235/Dtd. 15.11.2022 **Supply of T&P Materials required for KPTCL Tumakuru and Davanagere Circle coming under Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Tumakuru.** The bids will be received through e-procurment mode only.

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging into website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** or click on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or after **10.11.2022.** The other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission ZOne, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-572102. Ph. No. 080-22356320.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is desirous of developing all that piece and parcel of agricultural lands bearing Survey Nos. 104, 111, 112/2 and 115 all situated at Kamenahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk measuring in all about 5 Acres 38 Guntas, morefully described below and hereinafter collectively referred to as the **"Schedule Property"**, from its owner Mr. P. Govindaraju, residing at #66/1, 1st Floor, Dr. T.C.M Rayan Road, Cottonpet, Chickpet, Bangalore South-560053 **("Owner").**

Any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owner or objecting to such development with our clients should write to the undersigned within **fifteen(15) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands bearing Survey Nos.104, 111, 112/2 and 115 all situated at Kamenahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk measuring in all about 5 Acres 38 Guntas and bounded as follows:

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Extent		Boundaries			
		Acre	Gunta	East	West	North	South
1.	104	03	09	Land in Survey No.105 and 95 belonging to Mr. K. Govindaraju	Land in Survey No.112 and 115 belonging to Mr. P. Govindaraju (the "**Owner**")	Land in Survey No.111 belonging to the Owner	Land in Survey No.103 belonging to Mr. Krishna
2.	111	01	23	Land in Survey No.107 belonging to Mrs. Rathnamma	Land in Survey No.112/2 belonging to the Owner	Land in Survey No.116 belonging to Mr. Ramesh, Survey No.110 and 117 belonging to Mr. Bairegowda	Land in Survey No.104 belonging to the Owner
3.	112/2	-	36	Land in Survey No.104 belonging to the Owner	Land in Survey No.112/2 belonging to Mr.Srinivas	Land in Survey No.115	Land in Survey No.103
4.	115	-	10	Land in Survey Nos.116 and 118	Portion of land in Survey No.115 belonging to Mrs. Kempamma and Mr. R. Nagaraj	Road	Land in Survey No.112 belonging to the Owner

Date: 09/11/2022
Place: Bengaluru

Mrs.Ashika.U
Advocate
Apt Law
#3738, 13th B Main,Indiranagar
Bengaluru - 560 038
Phone: 83107 79314

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against Enquiry Nos. for the following works:

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-407/2022-23/7534-35 Date: 07.11.2022

Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/EPR-28/CALL-3/2022-23 Dated: 07.11.2022 for design, manufacture, testing, supply, installation and commissioning of new 2x220V, 300AH with 2 Nos. Float with minium of 30A capacity and 2 Nos. of Boost including control panel and 110V DC, 10A Battery Chargers, pertaining to BMAZ South Circle.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-/2022-23/7558-60 Date: 08.11.2022

Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/EPR-18/CALL-11 Dated: 28.12.2021 for the work of Replacement of deteriorated tower type DA+0 at 66KV Tower No. 71 in the existing 66/11KV DG3-DG4 DC line from existing 66/11KV Manyatha Tech Park S/s., to existing 66/11KV Hoskote S/s near Hirandahali lake limits, Bangalore Rural. **(Short Term Tender).**

The bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **09.11.2022.**

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, Elec., Transmission (Maint), BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A. R. Circle, Bengaluru- 09. Ph: 080-22386684**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Building, J.C. Nagar Main Road, Munireddypalya, Bengaluru -560 032.

No: EE/HBL/TEND/25/2022-23 Date:08.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in Ward No. 68, Vishwanatha Nagenahalli **(Reserved for SC Category).**	2.00	25,000/-
2	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in Ward No. 69, Manorayanapalya **(Reserved for General Category).**	2.00	50,000/-
3	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in Ward No. 70, Hebbala **(Reserved for General Category).**	2.00	50,000/-
4	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in Ward No. 71, Chamundinagar **(Reserved for General Category).**	2.00	50,000/-
5	Refurbishment of Namma Clinic in Private Building in Ward No. 72, Ganganagar **(Reserved for ST Category).**	2.00	25,000/-

1)Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal. **2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Documents: **19.11.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of opening of Financial bids**: 21.11.2022 after 16.30 PM**. Further details, visit e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division

A necessary signal

COP27 must underscore that securing the world's future gets costlier with time

The 27th session of the Conference of Parties (COP) is underway at Egypt's sea-side city of Sharm el-Sheikh where, over two weeks, heads of government, diplomats, business heads, activists, journalists, and lobbyists will converge. The attempt is to inch ahead on a global rehaul of energy consumption to improve earth's chances against catastrophic climate change. While every COP ends with a hard-bargain document, the essential principle remains constant: how to ensure that all countries contribute to paying for what it takes to avoid the consequences of global warming without compromising on economic development, while accounting for their historical responsibility in exacerbating the crisis. There are several countries, especially island nations, that stand to lose the most from global warming without having a role in causing it. Given that COP agreements are non-binding on the signatory member-states, and volte-faces not unusual – such as the United States unilaterally exiting the agreement only to join again – these meetings also serve as a forum for public posturing. Countries announce their commitment to lofty environmental goals but do little to execute the often-stringent measures that these entail because they potentially involve political blowback. However, COPs do serve as an effective nudge. Even a decade ago, the link between global warming and climate change had sizeable critics; now, no country challenges fundamental science. A fossil fuel-free future is the direction that the world is moving towards.

It is thus appropriate that COP27 is viewed as the so-called 'implementation CoP', to borrow a term from Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Foreign Minister and President, COP27. Shifting from fossil fuels to renewable sources is expensive and the large developing countries (India, China, Brazil, South Africa) while committing to a carbon-free future also underline their right to rely on fossil fuels in the interim. While there is agreement that developed countries foot the bill, the bulk of the wrangling is over determining how the bill is paid. The 'implementation COP', India has said, must set out a transparent payment system and spell out how countries already reeling under climate disasters can be compensated. This will also mean greater transparency from recipient nations on how these investments measurably improve a transition away from polluting sources. Unlike Glasgow 2021, when 'net zero' or commitments to be carbon neutral were the flavour of the season, implementation COPs are unlikely to result in ambitious breakthroughs. Often, however, it is the unspoken and the subterranean that get the job done. COP27 must send the message, loud and clear, that be it war or peace, poverty or plenty, securing the world's future comes at a price that only gets costlier every passing day.

Saffron strides

The BJP's success owes a lot to the lack of imagination of its rivals

Results of the byelections in seven Assembly seats across six States held on November 3 are encouraging for the BJP, while all its opponents have reasons to worry. The BJP won four seats – three that it held previously, and an additional seat vacated by a defector to the party. The results are a shot in the arm for the party that is defending its turf in two States that are going to polls – Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. In Haryana, the party won Adampur, which has remained with the Bhajan Lal family since 1966. The BJP's candidate is the grandson of a former Congress satrap. The BJP retained Gopalganj in Bihar, but this time without an alliance with the JD(U), now in power in the State with the RJD. In Mokama, where the RJD-JD (U) alliance candidate won, the BJP gave a close fight, indicating that it remains formidable even after the end of its alliance with the JD(U). In Gola Gokrannath, Uttar Pradesh, the BJP won with an increased margin, showing that in a straight fight against the Samajwadi Party, it has an edge. The BJP came second in Telangana's Munugode constituency, where it is trying to displace the Congress as the key challenger to the incumbent Telangana Rashtra Samithi. In Odisha, the party retained Dhamnagar with an increased margin.

The signals are not reassuring for the Congress, JD(U), RJD, SP and BJD that were the opponents of the BJP in these byelections. The defeat in Telangana puts the Congress in a spot – it finished a distant third behind the BJP. In Odisha, its position slid further, to finish fourth. The outcomes point to the challenges in converting the enthusiasm that Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra has created into votes. For the new coalition of the RJD and JD(U), the strand of social justice politics that it wants to create appears to be a steep task, if the results are any indication. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao has been trying to stitch a national front together against the BJP, but the byelection has exposed his vulnerability on his home turf, despite the win. The BJD, dominant in Odisha, ceded more space to the BJP, which is nurturing ambitions to emerge as the front runner. The SP under Akhilesh Yadav is struggling to recuperate from serial setbacks. With his father Mulayam Singh no more, Mr. Yadav is fighting with his back to the wall. That the BJP has the resources, the resolve, and a willingness to use state power in its control in a brazen manner only partly explains its victories. A lack of imagination limits its opponents.

'No consensus' is derailing counter-terror diplomacy

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India's decision to host the special session of the United Nations Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNSC-CTC) last month – held in Mumbai and New Delhi, it focused on new and emerging technologies – is one of a number of events planned by the Government to give its counter-terror diplomacy a greater push. Later this month, New Delhi will host the third edition of the "No Money For Terror" (NMFT) conference that will look at tackling future modes of terror financing. And in December, when India takes over the United Nations Security Council Presidency for the last time before its two-year term in the Council ends, India will chair a special briefing on the "Global Counter Terrorism Architecture", looking at the challenges ahead.

While the focus is on the future of the fight against terrorism, it is important to look at some of the challenges that already exist, especially when the world's attention is consumed by the war in Europe, dealing with the aftermath of COVID-19, and global economic recession.

GWOT – built on an unequal campaign

The first challenge is that the "Global War On Terrorism" (GWOT), as it was conceived by a post-9/11 United States is over with the last chapter written last year, as the United States negotiated with the Taliban, and then withdrew from Afghanistan. GWOT itself was built on an unequal campaign – when India had asked for similar help to deal with the IC-814 hijacking (December 1999) less than two years prior to the 9/11 attacks (with evidence now clear that those who the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government was forced to release were all terrorists who went on to help with planning, funding or providing safe havens to the al-Qaeda leadership), its pleas fell on deaf ears in the U.S., the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and of course, Pakistan, all of whom were hit by the same terrorists in later years.

Even after GWOT was launched, Pakistan's role as the U.S.'s ally, and China's "iron friend" ensured that the UNSC designations of those who threatened India the most, including Masood Azhar and Hafiz Saeed, never mentioned their role in attacks in India. The maximum India received in terms of global cooperation was actually from economic strictures that the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)'s grey list placed on Pakistan – Pakistan was cleared from this in October – indicating that the global appetite to punish Pakistan for terrorism has petered out.

> The hard reality, especially for India, is that the future of counter terrorism cooperation is going to be less cooperative, with counter-terror regimes rendered toothless

In addition, the weak international reaction to the Taliban's takeover of Kabul, and its persecution of women and minorities in the country, demonstrate rising fatigue levels in dealing with "another country's problems". The hard reality for India is that the future of counter-terrorism cooperation is going to be less cooperative, and counter-terror regimes such as the UNSC Resolutions 1267, 1373, etc. rendered outdated and toothless.

A blur over definition, new technologies

Next, the growing global polarisation over the Russia-Ukraine war is not only shifting the focus from terrorism but is also blurring the lines on what constitutes terrorism. The CTC meeting in Delhi, for example, was disrupted over Russia's claims that the U.K. helped Ukraine launch drone attacks on Russia's naval fleet in Sevastopol. The question remains: . if drone attacks by Yemeni Houthis on the UAE and Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure were condemned as terrorist attacks, why was the line drawn for drone attacks on Russian ships in a port used for loading grain, or a bridge bombing that put so many civilian lives at risk? On the other hand, how will Russia square up the possible recruitment of the former Afghan republic's National Army Commando Corps into its war in Ukraine? Would not these commandos who once fought Taliban terrorists, now qualify as terrorists themselves?

Away from the battlefield, the polarisation has rendered the body tasked with global peace, paralysed: as the UNSC is unable to pass any meaningful resolutions that are not vetoed by Russia or western members, and China has been able to block as many as five terror designations requested by India and the U.S.

Perhaps the biggest opportunity lost due to the UNSC's other preoccupations has been the need to move forward on India's proposal, of 1996, of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT). While each conference, including the CTC meeting in Delhi, makes passing the CCIT a goal, very little progress has been made on the actual issues such as the definition of terrorism, concerns over human rights law conflicts, and the old debate on 'freedom fighter vs terrorist'. Despite several changes in the draft made by India in 2016, consensus for the convention is still elusive.

The next challenge comes from emerging technologies and the weaponisation of a number of different mechanisms for terrorism purposes. Drones are already being used to deliver funds, drugs, weapons, ammunition and even improvised explosive devices. After the COVID-19 pandemic, worries have grown about the use of biowarfare, and Gain-of-Function (GoF) research to mutate viruses and vectors which could be released into targeted populations. In a future that is already here, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) systems and robotic soldiers makes it even easier to perpetrate mass attacks while maintaining anonymity. Terror financing uses bitcoins and cryptocurrency, and terror communications use social media, the dark web and even gaming centres.

The drivers of strife

Unless there is global consensus on regulating the use of these emergent technologies by all responsible states, it will be hard to distinguish their use from those by designated terror entities, or state-sponsored terrorism. Pakistan, Iran and North Korea are the most obvious examples of countries where the establishment has supported terrorist groups carrying out cross-border strikes, drone attacks and cyberwarfare. But what does one make of drone strikes by North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries in Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, where civilians have been killed, or Chinese government-run hackers who disable urban electric grids?

Nor are there any globally accepted norms on how and in what measure one is to respond to those attacks: whether it is the U.S.'s flattening of Afghanistan post-9/11, Pakistan's aerial strikes on its own populations in Swat and Balochistan, India's crossing of the UN-monitored Line of Control after the Uri attack (September 2016) and missile strikes on Pakistani territory (Balakot, in February 2019) after the Pulwama suicide bombing (February 2019), or Israel's relentless bombardment of buildings in Gaza in retaliation for rocket attacks. Without some consensus on what constitutes terror, no war on terrorism can be truly global.

The truth is global inequity, food and energy shortages, climate change and pandemics are going to be the next big drivers of strife and violence in the world, where global stakeholders are at present distracted by territorial disputes and narrow political differences. Terrorist acts of the future will grow more and more lethal, will need fewer people to carry out, and with their sponsors having more and more anonymity. India, as host of these counter-terrorism events, and of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the next G-20, must stop fighting the "last war" on terrorism, and steer the global narrative towards preparing for the next ones.

After the dust, a clearer picture of Agnipath's direction

General Manoj Mukund Naravane (retired)

was India's Chief of the Army Staff, 2019-2022

The cloud of dust that rose following the announcement of the Agnipath scheme has now settled. Under this plan, around 50,000 soldiers, or 'Agniveers', will be recruited annually, with most leaving the service in four years. Only 25% will be retained in service for another 15 years, as permanent cadres. With the passage of time, it is now possible to review the scheme in a more mature and pragmatic manner, especially since the first batch of Agniveers are on the way to their training centres. The recruitment rallies conducted for the Agniveers have seen a positive response, both among boys and girls.

The times they are a-changin'

Nothing is ever constant and change will always be the order of the day. Therefore, our policies also need to change and be aligned with the future. To say that we must continue doing what we have been doing traditionally and not review our policies ever is not the correct approach. The merits or demerits of a particular policy can be debated and feedback given to make it more robust. But to denounce it outright smacks of a 'status quoist' attitude.

If we look at the past there have always been changes in the human resources (HR) policies of central government employees. In 1998, for example, the retirement age for all central government employees including armed forces personnel was increased across the board, by two years. Even then there was a hue and cry that it would lead to stagnation and so on. But now, more than 20 years later, it is business as usual. Does that mean this will never change? Not necessarily so.

There is already talk of raising the age of retirement to 65 years, in keeping with global trends. Similarly, the terms and conditions of service for our soldiers, sailors and airmen have undergone changes from the time to time. So, to say that the Agnipath scheme is tinkering with settled systems, or falling back on clichés such as "if it ain't broke don't fix it", is self-defeating. The Agniveer rallies which saw a good turnout shows that our youth are motivated and willing to serve the cause of the nation.

> All new schemes have teething troubles, and it is possible now with the passage of time to review the new defence services recruitment plan in a more pragmatic manner

Training and bonding

Our present system of almost one year of training – and even more for the technical arms – was devised when the standard of education of recruits was low, with an even lower technical threshold; therefore, it required time to drill concepts into them. Nowadays, all our youth are technologically savvy, which includes even those hailing from villages. Everyone has a smartphone; everyone uses digital payment platforms. To continue with old training methodologies is irrational. Optimising the training duration is very much a possibility. Given basic training, proficiency can be acquired on the job, and this is how it is done in many armies in the world. Since the Agnipath scheme was under formulation, this was an issue discussed with foreign service chiefs and delegations. In most cases, the training period varied between six to eight months. When a naval chief was asked about sending his sailors onboard ships with only six months training, his reply was in the affirmative: 'where else can you learn better than on the high seas?'

Another aspect that has been much discussed is of bonding and esprit de corps, and whether the Agniveers will be able to deliver when the time comes. Without even giving them a chance, why are we questioning or doubting their abilities? As far as esprit de corps is concerned, the onus is on the units. There is a saying in the Indian Army that "there are no good units or bad units; only good officers and bad officers". The definition of officers can be expanded to include 'superiors' – good or bad superiors. If the supervisory staff in a unit is good, they would make the Agniveers feel welcome, mould them and make them a part of the team.

Prior to the 1971 war, recruits were inducted into units after a curtailed training period; and within months, they were in the thick of battle. Within a month or two they could stand up and deliver and have that esprit de corps. So it shall be now. Young soldiers have more risk-taking abilities. Most gallantry award winners have had a younger profile. For instance, Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav, PVC, was only 19 years old, when he was awarded the Param Vir Chakra, following his specific act of gallantry on July 4, 1999 in the Kargil conflict. He survived despite many injuries.

Lateral absorption later

While formulating the Agnipath scheme, the aspect of lateral absorption into the Central Armed Police Forces, State police and even in other Ministries had been deliberated upon. However, it was felt that since this issue would come up only after four years, when the first lot of Agniveers would be due to be re-mustered, it could be considered later. Various Ministries would not only have to identify possible vacancies but also have to amend their respective service rules to include aspects such as enhanced ages of induction, ante-date benefits for services rendered and the like. Hopefully, aspects such as pension and medical cover would be automatically addressed. Following the announcement of the policy, there was a public outcry on the issue of the resettlement of the demobilised Agniveers. The Home Ministry and certain State governments straightaway announced 10% lateral induction. This was, therefore, not an afterthought, but it will certainly give urgency to the necessity of carrying out the necessary legally tenable and non-discriminatory revisions.

A United Nations report says that India's population is among the youngest in the world. However, this demographic point is a dividend only if it is disciplined and imbued with a nationalistic fervour. This is the underlying philosophy of the Agnipath scheme, which will be of benefit to the nation, the Armed Forces and the individual. All new schemes have teething troubles and this one too will have its fair share of niggles. As and when these crop up, there will always be room for mid-course corrections. Even the Constitution of India has been amended 105 times. It requires collective resolve to make the Agnipath scheme a success.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EWS quota verdict

The Supreme Court verdict on quota for the Economically Weaker Sections, observing that it does not affect the basic structure of the Constitution, is most welcome (Page 1, November 8).

The fact that the judgment was a split one in the ratio of 3:2 points to the sensitive nature of the issue. A country aspiring to be an economic super power cannot dream of achieving the same if a vast majority of its population continues to be socially and economically marginalised, oppressed and under-privileged. In this context, the Court's observation that the reservation policy cannot continue indefinitely and that the real solution lies in illuminating the causes that have led to social, economic and educational backwardness among the weaker sections of society assumes immense significance. Our elected representatives need to be serious about not pandering to vote-bank politics.

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The 3:2 split verdict on the quota for EWS raises the critical question on its method of eligibility as there may not be an infallible system to identify the poor. For centuries, a large section of India's population has been subjected to stigma and discrimination on the basis of the caste system; their castes have been a huge impediment in their access to education, employment and a better standard of living. On the other hand, a few socially and educationally advanced castes have had easier access to higher education and employment.

R. Sivakumar,
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If the EWS quota is enforceable in all institutions, why not the quota based on socio-economic backwardness be implemented in the private sector? The private sector can lend its support to the cause of social uplift being a mass employer and provider of education.

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Content moderation through co-regulation

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Social media platforms regularly manage user content on their website. They remove, prioritise or suspend user accounts that violate the terms and conditions of their platforms. When a user's post is taken down or their account is suspended, they can challenge such a decision. Similarly, when users see harmful/illegal content online, they can flag the issue with the platform. Some platforms have complaint redressal mechanisms for addressing user grievances. For instance, Facebook set up the Oversight Board, an independent body, which scrutinises its 'content moderation' practices.

The online ecosystem today

It was voluntary for platforms to establish a grievance redressal mechanism through their terms of service until the government introduced the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. These mandate platforms to establish a grievance redressal mechanism to resolve user complaints within fixed timelines. Recently, the government amended these Rules and established Grievance Appellate Committees (GACs). Comprising government appointees, GACs will now sit in appeals over the platforms' grievance redressal decisions. This signifies the government's tightening control of online speech, much like Section 69A of the IT Act. The IT Act was passed in 2000 and Section 69A was introduced in 2008 when social media barely existed.

In today's online environment, however, the existing government control on online speech is unsustainable. Social media now has millions of users. Platforms have democratised public participation, and shape public discourse. As such, large platforms have a substantial bearing on core democratic freedoms. Further, with the increasing reach of the Internet, its potential harms have also increased. There is more illegal and harmful content online today. Disinformation campaigns on social media during COVID-19 and hate speech against the Rohingya in Myanmar are recent examples. With increased stakes in free speech and with increasing online risks, a modern intermediary law must re-imagine the role of governments.

A modern intermediary law

Under such a law, government orders to remove content must not only be necessary and proportionate, but must also comply with due process. The recent European Union (EU) Digital Services Act (DSA) is a good reference point. The DSA regulates intermediary liability in the EU. It requires government take-down orders to be proportionate and reasoned. The DSA also gives intermediaries an opportunity to challenge the government's decision to block content and defend themselves. These processes will strongly secure free speech of online users.

Most importantly, an intermediary law must devolve crucial social media content moderation decisions at the platform level. Platforms must have the responsibility to regulate content under broad government guidelines. Instituting such a co-regulatory framework will serve three functions. First, platforms will retain reasonable autonomy over their terms of service. Co-regulation will give them the flexibility to define the evolving standards of harmful content, thereby obviating the need for strict government mandates. This will promote free speech online because government oversight incentivises platforms to engage in private censorship. Private censorship creates a chilling effect on user speech. In turn, it also scuttles online innovation, which is the backbone of the digital economy.

Second, co-regulation aligns government and platform interests. Online platforms themselves seek to promote platform speech and security so that their users have a free and safe experience. For instance, during the pandemic, platforms took varied measures to tackle disinformation. Incentivising platforms to act as Good Samaritans will build healthy online environments.

Third, instituting co-regulatory mechanisms allows the state to outsource content regulation to platforms, which are better equipped to tackle modern content moderation challenges.

The modality of a co-regulatory model for content moderation must be mulled over. It is important that co-regulation, while maintaining platform autonomy, also makes platforms accountable for their content moderation decisions. Platforms as content moderators have substantial control over the free speech rights of users. Whenever platforms remove content, or redress user grievance, their decisions must follow due process and be proportionate. They must adopt processes such as notice, hearing and reasoned orders while addressing user grievances.

But due process is not enough. Social media content moderation tools are not limited to the removal or suspension of posts. Platforms often use tools for de-prioritisation of content to reduce the visibility of such content. Users are unaware of and unable to challenge such actions as they take place through platform algorithms that are often confidential. Platform accountability can be increased through algorithmic transparency.

An intermediary law should take the baton brought forward by the 2021 Rules. The GACs must be done away with because they concentrate censorship powers in the hands of government. A Digital India Act is expected to be the successor law to the IT Act. This is a perfect opportunity for the government to adopt a co-regulatory model of speech regulation of online speech.

The BJP's Karnataka challenge

The party is combining social engineering with the promise of development

STATE OF PLAY

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Ahead of the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is working on a multi-pronged approach, with a specific focus on wooing the many communities of the State. BJP strategists describe this as "social engineering" combined with the "promise of development". They know that retaining power is not easy. In the political history of Karnataka, no ruling party has got re-elected in about three-and-a-half decades. This indicates that it is not easy to beat anti-incumbency. What has made the task tougher for the ruling BJP is the aggressive manner in which the principal Opposition party, the Congress, is trying to connect with the people through various measures including the Bharat Jodo Yatra, which passed through the State recently. The other Opposition party, the Janata Dal (Secular), which has the potential to tilt the scales, is keen to retain its hold of the Vokkaliga-dominated areas.

The BJP has been pushed into defensive mode, particularly as it has been facing a slew of corruption charges and irregularities in the recruitment of police sub-inspectors. Recently, the Karnataka State Contractors Association accused the BJP government, parliamentarians, legislators and officials in the State of harassing them to pay a commission of up to 40% on government tenders. Also, a video clip of Municipal Administration Minister N. Nagaraju kicked up a storm. He was purportedly heard speaking to a police officer

about inspector Nandeesh, who died of a cardiac arrest, being tense over the "₹70 lakh-₹80 lakh he paid" for the posting. It is in this context that the BJP is banking on "social engineering."

In a major step, the State Cabinet hiked reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) by 2% and Scheduled Tribes (STs) by 4%. The timing of this move was crucial, as it came just before the party launched its State tour, the Jana Sankalpa Yatra. Three teams of State BJP leaders are holding two conventions each per day as a part of this yatra. They have been underlining the hike in reservation at each convention. In addition, the party is also holding eight different State-level conventions of various communities and groups such as the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), STs, SCs, women, youth, farmers, minorities and weavers. While the OBC convention has been held, the convention of STs is scheduled to be held in Ballari on November 20. The BJP is particularly trying to woo OBCs, SCs and STs – communities which the Congress considers the main components of its support base. Now that the Supreme Court has upheld a reservation quota for economically weaker sections, the BJP is gearing up to underline this fact among the upper caste voters.

The party has also devised strategies to attract the powerful Lingayats and Vokkaligas. While the Lingayats form a major support base of the BJP, the Vokkaligas have remained elusive for the party so far. While the BJP is hoping to retain its Lingayat support base, it is now trying to woo the Vokkaligas. The government is all set to unveil a 108-feet bronze statue of Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda on the Bengaluru International Airport premises, in its attempt to obtain Vokkaliga votes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil the statue on November 11. To build some momentum for this event, the BJP government has already launched a 45-day campaign during which "holy mud" is being collected from water bodies in all the villages of the State. The party plans to use this mud in developing the theme park that houses the statue. The grand Kumbha Mela hosted by the government in the Vokkaliga heartland of Mandya district in mid-October was also being seen in political circles as an effort to get a political foothold in that part of the State.

In Bengaluru City, which accounts for 28 constituencies of the total 224 in the Assembly, the party is trying to roll out a development agenda through Mr. Modi. While the Prime Minister announced the suburban rail project for the city during his previous visit, he is going to unveil south India's first Vande Bharat train, on the Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysuru route, during his visit to Bengaluru on November 11.

It remains to be seen whether this strategy of social engineering mixed with the promise of development will help the BJP buck anti-incumbency as well as fight the charges of corruption.

Andheri East: Not a NOTA notable, just a blip

NOTA continues to be salient in Naxalite areas, but its share has fallen in recent elections

DATA POINT

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The bypoll results of the election to Andheri East in Maharashtra, announced last Sunday, were a mere formality. With the Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate, Murji Patel, withdrawing from the contest, the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) candidate, Rutuja Ramesh Latke, won the election comfortably. The other six candidates - four of them independent – fetched less than 2% of the votes each.

The election result is now part of the record books as 12,806 voters (14.79%) chose the None Of The Above (NOTA) option. The Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction accused the BJP of influencing voters to choose the NOTA option, which garnered the second highest vote share.

Following a Supreme Court directive, NOTA was first used during the 2013 Assembly elections to four States – Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh – and Delhi. While the number of voters selecting NOTA was high in the elections held soon after the court directive, the number considerably declined in later polls.

The latest Assembly elections in every State show that the share of NOTA votes has been relatively high in areas affected by Left-Wing Extremism (LWE). **Map 1** shows the vote percentage secured by NOTA in the latest Assembly election. In 13 Assembly seats, the NOTA vote share crossed the 5% mark. Four of them in Chhattisgarh – Bijapur, Narayanpur, Chitrakot and Dantewada; two in Andhra Pradesh – Araku Valley and Paderum; and Lakshmipur in Odisha were located in districts most affected by LWE.

Map 2 depicts the 30 districts most affected by LWE, according to the Home Ministry's reply in the Lok Sabha in March 2021. Four districts – Dantewada, Bastar, Visakhapatnam and Koraput – are part of this list and host the seven seats mentioned in Map 1.

Map 3 depicts the NOTA vote share in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. In 21 Lok Sabha seats, the NOTA share crossed the 5% mark. Two of the seats were in the Kanker and Bastar districts of Chhattisgarh, one in Koraput in Odisha, one each in the Khunti and West Singhbhum districts of Jharkhand, and multiple in the Jamui and Gaya districts of Bihar, which feature in the Home Ministry's list of districts most affected by LWE.

Table 4 lists the top 15 Assembly seats which recorded the highest share of NOTA votes. The top three are from Maharashtra with Latur Rural and Gadchiroli seeing more than 10% NOTA votes in the 2019 and 2014 Assembly elections, respectively. Five of the 15 seats are in Chhattisgarh and two of them are in Bihar.

Table 5 lists the NOTA vote share secured in general, and in Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe reserved seats across years. In general, the NOTA vote share is higher among the ST reserved seats when compared to the SC reserved seats and general seats. However, notably, the NOTA vote share decreased across all the three seat types in subsequent elections.

Chart 6 shows the change in NOTA vote share in the latest Assembly election in a State compared to the previous election. For instance, in Chhattisgarh, in 2018, 1.98% of the votes were polled for NOTA compared to 3.07% in 2013 – a fall of 1.09% points. A look at the change in NOTA vote share among 24 States/UTs in the last two Assembly polls shows that the share declined in 16 of them and increased marginally in the rest of the eight States.

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Not quite an alternative

Even as fewer and fewer people have opted for NOTA in recent elections, the option recorded a high vote share in the bypoll elections to Andheri East. Data were sourced from LokDhaba, Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University

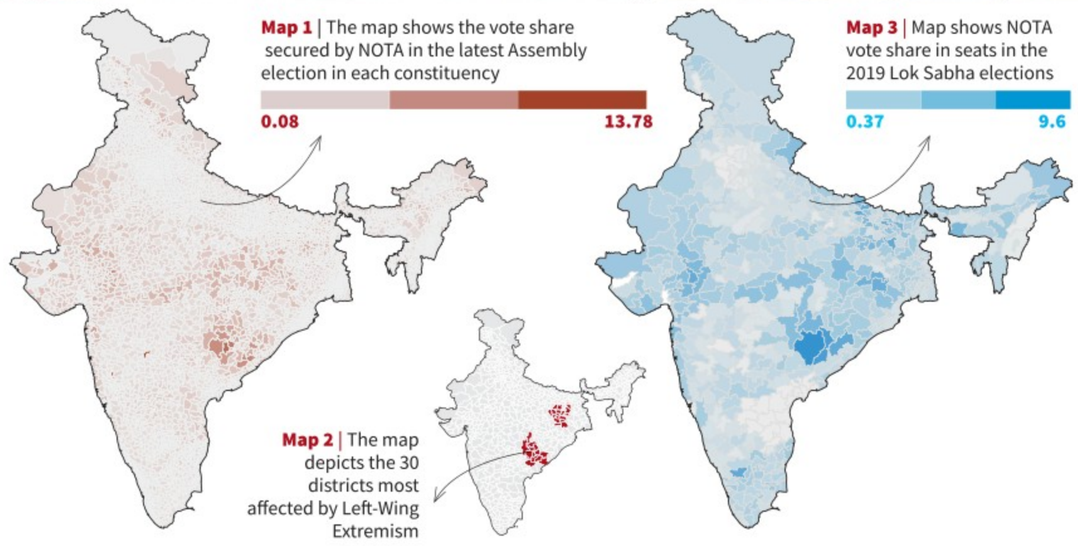


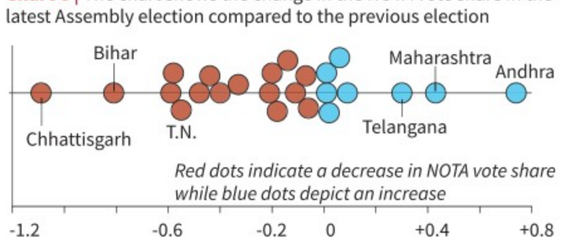
Table 4 | The table lists the top 15 Assembly seats which recorded the highest share of NOTA votes

State	Year	Seat	%
Maharashtra	2022	Andheri East	14.79
Maharashtra	2019	Latur Rural	13.78
Maharashtra	2014	Gadchiroli	10.8
Chhattisgarh	2013	Bijapur	10.15
Maharashtra	2019	Palus-Kadegaon	9.99
Chhattisgarh	2013	Chitrakot	9.09
Chhattisgarh	2013	Dantewara	8.93
Chhattisgarh	2018	Dantewara	8.74
Maharashtra	2019	Jogeshwari East	8.08
Chhattisgarh	2018	Chitrakot	7.36
Andhra	2019	Araku Valley	6.46
Bihar	2015	Hayaghat	6.37
Bihar	2015	Kusheshwar Asthan	6.18
Odisha	2014	Jharigam	6.11
Maharashtra	2019	Borivali	6.08

Table 5 | The table lists the NOTA vote share secured in General, SC and ST-reserved seats across years

Year	GEN	SC	ST	Year	GEN	SC	ST
2013	1.56	1.96	3.42	2018	1.03	1.29	2.15
2014	0.75	0.92	2.02	2019	1.09	1.15	2.00
2015	2.03	2.40	2.11	2020	1.38	1.80	2.57
2016	1.21	1.33	1.78	2021	0.87	0.92	1.31
2017	0.99	1.08	2.25	2022	0.67	0.80	0.95

Chart 6 | The chart shows the change in the NOTA vote share in the latest Assembly election compared to the previous election



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1972

Stunning majority for Nixon

Washington, Nov. 8: Mr. Richard Nixon was re-elected President of the United States yesterday with a stunning margin – when all the votes cast have been finally counted it might very well show that his landslide victory will be the biggest in all American political history. The latest count indicated that Mr. Nixon had won the popular vote in 49 of the 50 States. His Democratic opponent, Mr. George McGovern, who went down to a humiliating defeat, managed to hold only the State of Massachusetts and the tiny District of Columbia. The tally showed that Mr. Nixon has obtained 521 electoral votes as against only 17 for Mr. McGovern. Mr. Nixon's sweep of the polls was, however, tempered by the set-back his fellow Republicans suffered in the Congressional and gubernatorial elections, which were also held yesterday. The Democrats not only retained their sizable margins in both Houses of Congress as well as the State capitals, but also increased their margins. The Democrats now hold 57 of the 100 seats in the Senate (which is a gain of two seats) and 31 of the 50 State Governorships (gain of one). In the Lower House the Republicans have cut into the Democrats majority slightly, but the Democrats will still have a majority of over 60 seats in that chamber.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1922

Motor-car trials

Calcutta, Nov. 8: Owing to the fact that entries have not been sufficiently large the reliability trials for motor cars and motor cycles which were being organised by the Automobile Association of Bengal in connection with the Government of Assam have been postponed. Trials were to be held on Gauhati Shillong road on November 19th, 20th, and 21st, but motor trade has not found itself in a position to accord the scheme the necessary support. The proposal however has not been abandoned and it is hoped to hold trials in the same district about March next year. An alternative scheme is also being considered by the Automobile association to hold trails with Calcutta as starting and finishing point. The competitors would be required to make journey to some place such as Ranchi or Chaibassa and return to Calcutta, the whole distance to be covered being about 750 miles.

From Page One

HC offers interim relief to Vice-Chancellors

The Chancellor had fixed November 3 and 4 as deadline for replying to the notices.

The petitioners contended that they were issued show-cause notices as they had not responded to a letter written by the Chancellor asking them to resign. Since the High Court had already quashed the communication, the Chancellor should not have relied on it and issued show-cause notices. Besides, the Chancellor, being a statutory officer, was not legally competent to take a decision on whether the appointment of the Vice-Chancellors was void or not. The show-cause notice had been issued because of the misconception of the law laid down by the Supreme Court, the petitioners said.

Assent for diversion of 130 sq. km of forest

It is nearly a quarter of all the forest land diverted in the past three years across the country (554 sq. km as per information provided in the Lok Sabha in July) and 65% of the 203 sq. km of forest land diverted in the three year period 2015-18.

The Ministry's own estimates suggest that 8.5 lakh trees will have to be cut in Great Nicobar for this project. This is doubly significant because these are primary evergreen tropical forests with high biological diversity and also high endemism; Ministry documents themselves state that the island has among the best preserved tropical forests in the world, is home to nearly 650 species of flora and 330 species of fauna, including endemic species such as the Nicobar shrew, the Nicobar long-tailed macaque, the Great Nicobar crested serpent eagle, the Nicobar paradise flycatcher and the Nicobar megapode, among many others.

Compensatory afforestation

A letter confirming the clearance was issued on October 27 by the Ministry's forest conservation division. Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, the letter states that the permission has been granted following a "careful examination" of the island administration's request for the same dated October 7, 2020 and "on basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) and its acceptance by the competent authority in the Ministry".

A key condition for the clearance is the submission of a detailed scheme for compensatory afforestation, which is to be done on "non-notified forest land" in Haryana. It also states that an amount of ₹3,672 crore needs to be earmarked for the environment management plan (EMP) for the construction and operation phase of the project. The final environment impact assessment (EIA) report of the project that was prepared in March 2022 and accepted by the Ministry's Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) had calculated the cost of this compensatory afforestation to be ₹970 crores.

Interestingly, the final EIA report mentioned that the compensatory afforestation over 260 sq km (twice the diversion area) will be carried out in Madhya Pradesh and even carries a letter of the Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department certifying that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted the details for the same. There is no clarity on how the switch was made to Haryana and what process, if any, was followed for the same.

Though the permission letter mentions the "recommendations of the FAC", no details or minutes are available on the Ministry's website of the FAC meetings where these decisions were taken.

Communications (and reminders) seeking details sent to the official email addresses of all the members of the FAC that granted the forest clearance also did not evoke any response. A Right to Information (RTI) application filed in October seeking the details of the compensatory afforestation scheme in Madhya Pradesh was in fact rejected under Section 8.1(a) of the RTI Act that cites security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the state.

Haryana stands out for having one of the highest rates of diversion of its own forest land even though the forest cover in the State is minimal. The State diverted nearly 80 sq. km of its forest between 2014-15 and 2016-17, the highest for any State in the country for that period.

The State was also chastised in May for unwise use of compensatory afforestation funds, too much focus on plantations and failure to raise the forest area, by Ashok Khemka, steering committee member of Haryana's Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

"It is not clear," says Debi Goenka, executive trustee of Conservation Act Trust, "how ANIIDCO, the project proponent, will compensate for the loss of these virgin tropical forests teeming with endemic and endangered species with artificial tree plantations in the faraway State of Haryana."

"It is also apparent," he continues, "that it will be almost impossible to get 130 sq. km of forest land in Haryana that are contiguous and undisturbed."

He points to a number of other legal issues in this in-principle forest clearance. These include the neglect of multiple clauses of the Forest Conservation Rules and Guidelines in the de-reservation process and also the violation of a Supreme Court order of November 13, 2000 (reiterated on February 9, 2004) which ordered no further "de-reservation of forests/sanctuaries/national parks".

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Centre alludes to 'foreign origins' in its affidavit on Dalit Christians, Muslims

It justifies the 'intelligible differentia' between Scheduled Castes practising Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism and those practising other religions

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The affidavit filed by the Union government before the Supreme Court Bench hearing the case for the inclusion of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims on the list of Scheduled Castes contradicts itself at several junctures, leading to a lack of clarity on its arguments defending the current criteria for determining which communities can be classified as Scheduled Castes.

Among the arguments the government has put forward justifying the exclusion of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims from the list is one that alludes to the seemingly "foreign" origins of Islam and Christianity as opposed to Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism without directly saying so.

The government said, "It is submitted that the present is a case of classification between Indian citizens and foreigners which cannot be doubted on any count. It is well established that Article 14 forbids class legislation but does not forbid classification," though the present case does not involve any foreign citizens as parties.

It added that the classification must be put to the "twin test of classification" as per which, "permissible classification must be founded on an intelligible differentia which distinguishes persons or things that are grouped together from others left out of the group, and the differentia must have a rational relation to the object sought to be achieved by the statute in question".

In the affidavit filed through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on October 19, the government justified the "intelligible differentia" between Scheduled Castes practising Hinduism, Sikhism, and Buddhism and Scheduled Castes practising other religions by saying, "It is submitted that there exists a clear intelligible differentia between local contributions to the sector and foreign contributions," possibly pointing

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to the argument that Christianity and Islam are not Indic religions and that there were foreign contributions to the creation of Christian and Muslim populations in India.

It said, "Scheduled Castes converts to Buddhism embraced Buddhism voluntarily at the call of Dr. Ambedkar in 1956 on account of some innate socio political imperatives. The original castes/community of such converts can clearly be determined. This cannot be said in respect of Christians and Muslims who might have converted on account of other factors, since the process of conversions has been taken place over the centuries."

Further, it argued that the objective of reservation and identification of Scheduled Castes is "over and beyond" the social and economic backwardness. It said, "The identification of Scheduled Castes is centred around a specific social stigma [and the connected backwardness with such stigma] that is limited to the communities identified in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950." The government filed the 70-page affidavit in response to a batch of petitions arguing that the exclusion of Christian and Muslim Dalits was discriminatory. Currently, only Dalits of Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist faiths can be categorised as SCs.

The contradictions

As for contradictions, the affidavit, defending the exclusion, in paragraph 31 said, "...The exclusion of Christianity or Islam was due to the reason that the oppressive system of untouchability which leads to economic and social backwardness of some Hindu castes was not prevalent in Christian or Islamic Society."

In the next sentence, the government said, "There is authentic data to suggest that the oppressive environment which existed in Hindu Society for hundreds of years qua Scheduled Castes also existed in Christian or Islamic Society."

At one point, the government said, "There is also no documented research and precise authenticated information available" to establish that disabilities and handicaps faced by Dalits in the social order of origin (Hinduism) persisted in "oppressive severity in the environment of Christianity/Islam".

However, in the next page, it said the exclusion from the list was "based on historical data which clearly established that no such backwardness or oppression was ever faced by members of Christian or Islamic Society".

Three-member panel

Despite this position taken in its affidavit, the government submitted that it has set up a three-member Commission of Inquiry, headed by former Chief Justice of India K.G. Balakrishnan, to look into the "seminal and historically complex sociological and constitutional question" of whether Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims can be included in the SC list.

However, it maintained that the commission must, over the next two years, find out whether an "intelligible differentia" exists between Dalits practising Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism and those that converted to Islam, Christianity and other religions. It said the limited question that the commission must look into is "whether the oppressive severity of backwardness remain the same or not, and till the time the same is established, it cannot be said that the impugned classification is discriminatory".

Chiefs of Indian, French Air Forces join ongoing Garuda-VII air exercise

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The chiefs of Indian and French Air Forces on Tuesday joined the Air Exercise Garuda-VII in Jodhpur.

While Indian Air Force (IAF) chief Air Chief Marshal (ACM) V.R. Chaudhari flew a sortie on an IAF Rafale fighter, French Air and Space Force (FASF) Chief General Stéphane Mille flew on an IAF Su-30 MK-I fighter.

"Ex Garuda-VII is also the first occasion for the light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas and the light combat helicopter (LCH) Prachand to participate in any international exercise," it stated.

ACM Chaudhari said that the Air Exercise Garuda provided a unique opportunity for both Air Forces to learn and imbibe each other's best practices during operations while also highlighted the growing interoperability between the two Air Forces.

The exercise, which is due to culminate on November 12, includes four Rafale fighters and one A-330 multi-role tanker transport aircraft from the French side. Apart from the LCA and LCH, the IAF contingent consists of Su-30 MK-I, Rafale and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as Mi-17 helicopters.

Joint efforts: IAF chief V.R. Chaudhari with the Chief General of the French Air Force, Stéphane Mille, in Jodhpur on Tuesday. PTI

Japan hosts naval exercise

The Malabar multilateral naval exercise involving India, Australia, Japan and the U.S. began on Tuesday as the International Fleet Review and the 18th Western Naval Pacific Symposium, also hosted by Japan, concluded with 13 and 27 countries attending, respectively.

A vigilant media can improve governance: Manmohan Singh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said a vigilant media is critical to improve governance, and India will continue to rise as aspirations of the new generation exert pressure on governments to be more efficient and transparent.

Dr. Singh, who was conferred the TIOL Fiscal Heritage Award by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday, said that most people only recollect his handling of the external payments crisis in 1991 but forget that he was grappling with multiple challenges during his stint as Finance Minister then.

Emphasising the role of the media in the process of nation building, Dr. Singh said the media is expected to be vigilant and point out shortcomings of the government with a view to improve the effectiveness of governance. A rising India, he said, could show the world the way forward by "blending tradition with modernity".

Mr. Gadkari linked the sufficiency of capital to fund infrastructure projects in the country to the liberal economic policies initiated by Dr. Singh as a Finance Minister.

New Law panel may examine demand for uniform civil code

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Days after the Gujarat government announced setting up a committee on the implementation of the uniform civil code (UCC) and the BJP promising UCC in poll-bound Himachal Pradesh, the Union Law Ministry finally made appointments to the 22nd Law Commission that is likely to examine the issue in detail.

Late on Monday night, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju took to Twitter to announce the appointment of retired High Court Chief Justice Rituraj Awasthi as the chairperson of the Commission.

Justice K.T. Sankaran, Professor Anand Paliwal, Professor D.P. Verma, Professor Raka Arya and M. Karunanithi are the other members of the commission. The panel, which advises the government on various legal issues, usually gets a term of three years and the latest law panel was notified over two years ago in February 2020. However, with barely three and a half months to go for the three-year term to expire, the timing of the appointments becomes significant. It could indicate the Narendra Modi government's intent in taking up the UCC as a major political issue before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

In January last year, Mr. Rijiju stated that Article 44 of the Constitution provides that the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a UCC along India's territory.

Kiren Rijiju

U.S., Belgium to question India on CAA, minority rights, hate speech at HRC

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The Universal Periodic Review will be conducted on the basis of the national report provided by India

Treatment of journalists and human rights defenders, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and custodial torture are expected to dominate the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of India at the Human Rights Council in Geneva that will take place on Thursday.

In "Advance Questions" submitted to the council, Belgium has called the CAA "anti-minority", and asked India if the law would be repealed. Similar concerns have been raised by the United States, which has highlighted "hate speech", "internet shut downs" and the issue of hijab in Karnataka.

"Will the government of India review and repeal anti-minority laws such as the CAA and anti-conversion laws which target religious minorities, and introduce measures and legislation to prevent and respond to communal and targeted religious violence?" Belgium asked.

The country further asked about the steps that the Government of India will take to ensure that "human rights defenders, journalists and civil society organisations can exercise their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, free from threats, harassment, intimidation and attacks".

Till Tuesday, the U.S., the U.K., Belgium, Spain, Panama, Canada, Germany, Liechtenstein and Slovenia have submitted "Advance Questions" for the Indian-centric session on Thursday. The U.S. has also asked the Government of India about how the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), the National Security Act, Public Safety Act and Sections 124A, 499, and 500 of the IPC comply with India's international human rights obligations and commitments. The UPR will be conducted on the basis of the national report provided by India, information provided by independent human rights experts and groups, and international human rights groups.

In the report submitted in August, India informed the Council that laws were consistently enforced to ensure protection of the minority communities.

The national position on the issue of human rights gives an indication of the line that India is expected to take during the upcoming deliberation which has drawn curiosity because of the negative observations that several human rights organisations have submitted to the world body.

2,420 Sikh pilgrims travel to Pakistan, says Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday said 2,420 Sikh pilgrims travelled to Pakistan on November 6 through the Attari border in Punjab to participate in the birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism.

They were issued a 10-day pilgrim visa by Pakistan and are expected to return on November 15.

The Ministry, in a statement, said the pilgrims travelled under the banner of various Sikh organisations of Punjab and Haryana.

On Tuesday, 433 pilgrims, including four Overseas Citizens of India, also visited Gurdwara Darbar Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan, through Dera Baba Nanak, Amritsar to offer prayers on the occasion. All the pilgrims have returned, the Ministry added. As per a 1974 bilateral protocol, four Sikh *jathhas* [religious groups] visit important gurdwaras in Pakistan every year.

'In Himachal, fight is between money power of BJP and power of people, which is with Congress'

The head of the Congress's campaign committee for the Assembly election in the hill State says the biggest challenge is the ruling party's misuse of government machinery and money in its attempt to gain political mileage even though its administration in the past five years proved inefficient

INTERVIEW

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Vikas Vasudeva
NADAUN (HIMACHAL)

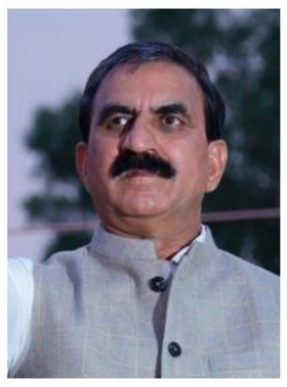
As electioneering gains momentum in the run-up to the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections, slated for November 12, the Senior Congress leader and chairperson of the party's campaign committee, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, says the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) frantic campaigning is an indication that it has sensed defeat for the Jai Ram Thakur government. Excerpts:

What is the biggest challenge for the Congress in the election?

The biggest challenge for the Congress is the BJP's misuse of government machinery, and money, in the election. Before the Model Code of Conduct was imposed, the BJP government spent crores of rupees on rallies across the State in an attempt to gain political mileage by putting a financial burden on the State exchequer. The BJP is fighting the election with its money power, but the power of the people is firmly behind the Congress, which will eventually oust the BJP from power.

Why do you think people will vote for the Congress?

I think for a good government, it's important to have a good administration. The government led by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur proved to be most inefficient, the government's administrative command was negligible, and due to this, development across the State came to a standstill, resulting in suffering for the people.



The Chief Minister was a 'dummy CM' because the State is being controlled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who indirectly runs the State government. The BJP leaders never assessed the ground situation and took decisions, and this is the reason the State witnessed a sharp price rise, corruption and unemployment. Several irregularities and scams surrounding police recruitment, teacher recruitment, and purchase of PPE (personal protective equipment) kits had come to the fore, exposing the corrupt deeds of the BJP government. Against this backdrop, the people have made up their minds to throw the BJP out and bring the Congress back to power, which will give a clean and strong government to its people.

The Congress is fighting under a collective leadership. Wouldn't the party have benefited by projecting a chief ministerial candidate?

The Congress is fighting for the first time under a collective leadership and I think there is no need for declaring the name of the chief ministerial candidate. The important thing is the symbol of the party. The first priority for everyone is to form the government. After that, the MLAs will build a consensus, and then whatever the 'high command' decides would be accepted.

The Congress is facing rebels in around a dozen of seats. Do you think this will impact the party's electoral prospects?

By and large, we have managed to placate the rebels. In fact, it's the BJP which is facing a serious problem of rebellion in several constituencies.

The situation is so bad for the BJP that even in the home district (Bilaspur) of the party's national president, J.P. Nadda, and in Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur's native district (Mandi), several BJP rebels are in the fray, set to play spoilsport.

What is your view on the BJP's manifesto, especially the announcement of the Uniform Civil Code?

Had the BJP performed in the past five years, they wouldn't have needed to come out with such a manifesto. On the Uniform Civil Code, in Himachal, there is already uniformity. The issue is irrelevant and will not have any impact on the voters.

It's an attempt to divert attention from the BJP government's failures. The way the top leadership of the BJP has been forced to campaign in every nook and corner of the State, it's a clear indication that the BJP has sensed the defeat of the Jai Ram Thakur-led BJP government.

Need to defeat BJP in the Himachal poll: Yechury

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Tuesday said in view of several prevailing problems in the country and State, it is necessary to defeat the BJP in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election.

"The people of Himachal are facing unemployment, price rise among other problems. The government has not fulfilled its promises. We believe that there is a possibility of job creation in the country. Tax benefits and waivers should be stopped for the big capitalists. Instead, if the government would have invested money in infrastructure development, there would have been crores of jobs," he said.

'Electoral bond amendment is a mockery of transparency'

Opposition, civil society groups and activists question Centre's approval for another tranche of bonds going on sale with the Himachal and Gujarat Assembly elections just around the corner

Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

A day after the Centre approved the issuance of the 23rd tranche of electoral bonds which will open for sale on Wednesday with the Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat Assembly elections around the corner, the move came under fire from the Opposition, civil society groups and activists.

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), which has filed a public interest litigation petition in the Supreme Court demanding that the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018, be scrapped entirely, questioned the timing of the move given the fact that the matter was scheduled for hearing in the Supreme Court on December 6.

> This move will open the floodgates for unaccounted-for cash to flow freely into the electoral system
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> **JAGDEEP CHHOKAR**
> Founding member, ADR

Senior advocate Prashant Bhushan, who is representing the ADR in the matter, said, "They [electoral bonds] have become a mockery of the same transparency in the interest of which they were introduced; the BJP has been the beneficiary of 70% of the electoral bonds issued so far; so much for a level playing field when it comes to these on the heels of elections."

On Monday, the Centre amended the Electoral Bond Scheme to grant itself the power to spell out an extra fortnight of electoral bond sales in years when the States and Union Territories with a legislature had polls using it further to open a fresh one-week window for issuing such bonds starting Wednesday.

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera on November 3 questioned the "opacity" surrounding the bonds, and said, "Which party has got how much money through electoral bonds is something, which the people of India deserve to know, why is the Election Commission silent."

Jagdeep Chhokar, founding member and trustee, ADR, said, "This move will open the floodgates for unaccounted-for cash to flow freely into the electoral system."

Gujarat Congress veteran quits, joins BJP

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Mohansinh Rathwa, prominent tribal leader and former Minister in Gujarat, on Tuesday resigned from the Congress to join the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Sources said that his son was likely to be fielded by the ruling party in the Assembly election next month.

Mr. Rathwa, a nine-time MLA, abruptly resigned from the Congress apparently over the differences with the party regarding fielding his son from the Chhota Udepur Assembly seat, presently held by him in the Assembly.

He is the second tribal legislator to switch over to the BJP in the last four months after Khedbrahma MLA Ashwin Kotwal.

INBRIEF

Senior Congress leader dies during Bharat Jodo Yatra

The Congress Seva Dal general secretary, Krishna Kumar Pandey,75, who was part of the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra, died after he suffered a massive cardiac arrest in Nanded district of Maharashtra on Tuesday. A native of Nagpur, Mr. Pandey collapsed while walking with the yatra between Degloor and Atkali. Mr. Gandhi expressed grief, and said Mr. Pandey's dedication was inspiring. "I express my deepest condolences to his loved ones," he said.

Bypoll to Khatauli Assembly seat in U.P. on December 5

The Election Commission on Tuesday announced that the byelection in Uttar Pradesh's Khatauli Assembly constituency will be held on December 5. The byelection was necessitated due to the disqualification of incumbent BJP MLA Vikram Singh Saini following his conviction in a case related to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots. He was convicted with 11 others for two years by an MP/MLA court on October 11. The U.P. Legislative Assembly had, on Monday, declared the seat vacant with effect from the date of his conviction.

Nitish Kumar wants raise in 50% cap on reservation

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday pitched for an increase in the 50% cap on reservations and said his party, the Janata Dal(U), had always been advocating for the 10% quota to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), which was recently upheld by the Supreme Court. He said that the caste-based headcount that his government was doing in Bihar should be held at the national level for development of all castes.

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TENDER SCHEDULE

Date of Issue/Download of Tender Document	: 09.11.2022 at 10.00 AM
Closing Date for submission of Tender Document in "e-tender portal	: 01.12.2022 at 05.00 PM
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Date of Opening of Bid	: 06.12.2022 at 11.00 AM

(If these days happen to be a holiday the next working day will be the date for Sl.no. 4)
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NOTIFICATION
Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre (KSRSAC), an autonomous organization under the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (e-Governance), Govt. of Karnataka invites applications in the prescribed format from Indian Nationals for hiring of experts on contract basis for the following positions.

Sl. No	Name of the Position	No. of Positions	Age limit on the date of notification
1.	Project Director, K-GIS	1	45 years
2.	Senior Business Analyst	1	40 years
3.	Business Analyst	2	35 years
4.	Web Application Developer – Senior Analyst	1	40 years
5.	Web Application Developer– Analyst	3	35 years
6.	Mobile Application Developer – Senior Analyst	1	40 years
7.	Mobile Application Developer– Analyst	3	35 years
8.	Database Developer – Senior Analyst	1	40 years
9.	Database Developer – Analyst	3	35 years
10.	Photogrammetry Specialist	2	35 years
11.	Senior Drone Survey Engineer	1	35 years
12.	Drone Survey Engineer	2	30 years

The last date for receipt of application is **08-12-2022 at 5.30 PM.** Shortlisted eligible candidates will be called for interview.
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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended	Half-Year ended	Quarter ended	Quarter ended	Half-Year ended	Quarter ended
		30.09.2022	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	30.09.2022	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
		(Unaudited)			(Unaudited)		
1	Total Revenue from Operations	1,218.19	2,457.83	1,063.07	1,401.65	2,811.77	1,242.26
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax)	149.46	320.55	160.86	156.99	336.56	167.08
3	Net Profit for the period (after tax)	111.75	241.86	120.16	116.78	254.81	123.91
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	112.46	243.32	120.11	112.70	249.66	122.63
5	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Re 1 each fully paid up)	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01
6	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Face value of Re 1/- each) (not annualised) (in Rs.)						
	(a) Basic	5.32	11.51	5.72	5.49	11.96	5.83
	(b) Diluted	5.32	11.51	5.72	5.49	11.96	5.83

Notes:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.sundram.com.
2 The Statutory Auditors have carried out a limited review for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 and have issued an unmodified report thereon.
Place: Chennai
Date : November 8, 2022
For Sundram Fasteners Limited
Suresh Krishna
Chairman

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INBRIEF

FIR against NCP MLA for disrupting movie screening

An FIR was filed against Nationalist Congress Party MLA Jitendra Awhad and party workers on Tuesday for allegedly disrupting the screening of the Marathi movie *Har Har Mahadev*. Mr. Awhad, along with around 100 supporters, forcibly shut down the screening of the movie at a Thane mall, saying the film "distorted Maratha history". They have been booked under Sections 146, 321 (voluntarily causing hurt), 406 (punishment for breach of trust), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Maharashtra Police Act.

Union govt. grants 265 PG medical seats in J&K

The Centre has granted 265 Diplomate of National Board postgraduate medical seats in various government hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir, with the active contribution of the National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences (NBEMS). According to a press release from the Ministry of Health, the move is aimed at providing trained specialists in almost every district. "The initiative will help doctors of J&K to get training in their own region and tapping this homegrown medical workforce would lead to an effective healthcare delivery system," said a senior official. It explained that because of the current expansion, there exists more than 250 postgraduate seats in phase 1 of the plan.

Sisodia asked to appear before lower court in Assam

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has been directed to appear before a lower court in Assam's Kamrup district on November 19 in connection with a criminal defamation case filed by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Mr. Sarma had filed the case against Mr. Sisodia in June after the latter accused him of corruption in the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) kits during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, the Gauhati High Court dismissed Mr. Sisodia's petition seeking to cancel the summons by the Kamrup Chief Judicial Magistrate and the case against him.

12 booked for attacking police and officials in U.P.

The Uttar Pradesh police booked 12 persons for clashing with policemen and a team from the Nagar Panchayat tasked with removing the Ambedkar statue allegedly installed without permission at Sahukara in Bareilly district. The police lathi-charged and used tear gas shells to disperse the crowd of mostly women who attacked them with stones. It was in the intervening night of Sunday and Monday when some people secretly installed the statue on the land of the village society. Local administration was informed and the group that had installed the statue was asked to remove and reinstall it only after taking permission.

CSIR-NGRI to install early warning system against floods, rockslides, and avalanches in Himalayan States

SPECIAL

V. Geetanath
HYDERABAD

The National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has begun field studies to put in place an early-warning system in the Himalayan States against major and sudden floods, rockslides, landslips, glacier lake bursts and avalanches and to prevent Chamoli kind of disasters in future.

"Right now, we are able to detect the major events through geophysical and seismological observations, but are yet to demonstrate the minimum threshold or the maximum distance from which we can give an early warning of natural disasters, which are 10 times less intense than what happened at Chamoli, with the help of various instruments. Our scientists are working on those systems," NGRI Director V.M. Tiwari said.

The scientists in the institute have identified a few locations in the higher reaches of Uttarakhand for

Water gushing down from the Chuflagad river after a cloudburst in Chamoli in 2019.

"densification" of seismometers and river gauges to take the total number to 100 from 60. The objective is to closely monitor the river flows in specific areas along the catchment to detect any sudden rise in water levels or flooding threshold that can lead to a hazard. "A 5 cm of rainfall or a glacier melt may not be hazardous, but if there is a heavy rockfall or sudden lake burst, there could be massive flooding. What is the minimal level of time required and distance from which an early warning can be given will be assessed after discussions with the various stakeholders," Mr. Tiwari said in an exclusive interaction.

Scientists have decided to take cognisance of the vibrations or "noise" recorded by the seismometers, which need not be due to earthquakes but can also be because of vehicular traffic, animal movement, rain, river flows and so on.

These instruments are crucial for the safety of large infrastructure projects and hydroelectric power plants in this region. Currently, scientists are able to detect and assess a sudden flow 30-40 km away since the seismic wave is faster than the flow, and hence, the advance warning comes at least half an hour before.

The NGRI has started utilising Machine Learning to detect these observations faster than the normal approach because time becomes crucial during a warning, he said.

"We are working on cost-effective measures. Although our instruments can withstand minus-20 degrees Celsius, they need fuel cells when there is no sunlight. We are going to start in a modest manner in Uttarakhand and parts of Arunachal Pradesh," Mr. Tiwari said.

India ready to help 'de-risk' Ukraine situation, Jaishankar tells Russia

External Affairs Minister does not make any specific offer to mediate during his talks with his counterpart in Moscow, but calls for dialogue and diplomacy between the two warring nations; he says Russia is India's steady and time-tested partner

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Russia is India's "steady and time-tested partner", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, defending the 20-fold increase in India's oil imports from the country this year, said after meetings with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Denis Manturov in Moscow on Tuesday.

Laying out India's position on the Ukraine crisis, which Mr. Lavrov said Russia had "highly appreciated", Mr. Jaishankar repeated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words that "this is not an era of war", and called for dialogue and diplomacy between Moscow and Kiev.

Strong bonds: S. Jaishankar and Sergey Lavrov after a meeting in Moscow. TWITTER/@DRSJAISHANKAR

However, while Mr. Jaishankar said India was ready to support any initiative to "de-risk" the situation in Ukraine and promote global stability, he did not make any specific offer to mediate in Russia-Ukraine talks.

"Any objective evaluation of our relationship over many decades would confirm that it has actually served both our countries very, very well...," Mr. Jaishankar said at a press conference after talks with Mr. Lavrov, in response to a question about pressure from Western countries to reduce oil imports and join a price-cap coalition announced by G-7 countries.

"As the world's third largest consumer of oil and gas, a consumer where the levels of income are not very high, it is our fundamental obligation to ensure that the Indian consumer has the best possible access on the most advantageous terms to international markets. And in that respect, quite honestly, we have seen that the India-Russia relationship has worked to our advantage," Mr. Jaishankar added, but pointed out that the Global South (developing and underdeveloped countries) had "felt the pain quite acutely" of the food and energy issues arising from the Ukraine conflict.

Referring to U.S. and European sanctions on Russia, Mr. Lavrov said he had briefed Mr. Jaishankar on "military operations" in Ukraine. "We discussed the situation that has developed around the attempts of the Western colleagues, under the pretext of Ukrainian events, to strengthen their dominant role in world affairs and prevent the democratisation of international relations," Mr. Lavrov said.

Both Foreign Ministers also noted the "significant growth" in India-Russia bilateral trade this year to about $17 billion, recommitting to a goal of reaching $30 billion by 2025, and agreed to strengthen cooperation on joint military exports, as well as in the areas of oil exploration, nuclear energy and space.

The logo, theme and website were unveiled on Tuesday. PTI

Modi unveils logo, theme, site of G-20 presidency

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's upcoming presidency of the G-20 grouping is a matter of pride and a great opportunity for the country in its 75th year of Independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

Mr. Modi made the remarks after unveiling the logo, theme and website of India's G-20 presidency during an online event.

India will assume the presidency of the powerful grouping from the current chair Indonesia on December 1. The G-20, or Group of 20, is an intergovernmental forum of major developed and developing economies.

In his remarks, Mr. Modi delved into India's development journey, and said all governments and people contributed in their own way in taking India forward after the Independence.

He also said that India could show the world that the scope of conflict could come to an end when democracy became a culture.

Note ban biggest destroyer of livelihoods: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Launching a sharp attack on the Narendra Modi government on the sixth anniversary of the announcement of demonetisation, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said the note ban was "the biggest destroyer of livelihoods and small businesses". Mr. Kharge asked the Prime Minister if he would apologise for the same.

Mr. Kharge cited former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's description of the note ban as "organised loot and legalised plunder".

"PM Modi, Will you ever apologise for this epic disaster? Will you ever pay tribute to those 150 who lost their lives in bank queues or medical emergencies, and provide solace to their families? Would you ever understand the pain that #DeMo inflicted on our people," Mr. Kharge asked in a series of tweets.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi said in a tweet, "Demonetisation was a deliberate move by 'PayPM' to ensure 2-3 of his billionaire friends monopolise India's economy by finishing [off] small and medium businesses."

At a press conference at the party headquarters, Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh demanded a White Paper from the government on the 2016 move. "One of the stated objectives of the demonetisation was to promote digital transactions as the government felt too much cash was in circulation. The sharp jump in cash has clearly exploded that objective of the government and sent it the same way as other goals like fighting corruption, weeding out fake notes and curbing terror funding," he said.

Leaders from other Opposition parties too targeted the government over the note ban. "6 years ago, today. A gimmick that turned out to be an economic genocide #demonetisation. Wrote about this in my book in 2017 #InsideParliament," Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien tweeted, adding that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was the first to seek the withdrawal of "this draconian decision minutes after announcement".

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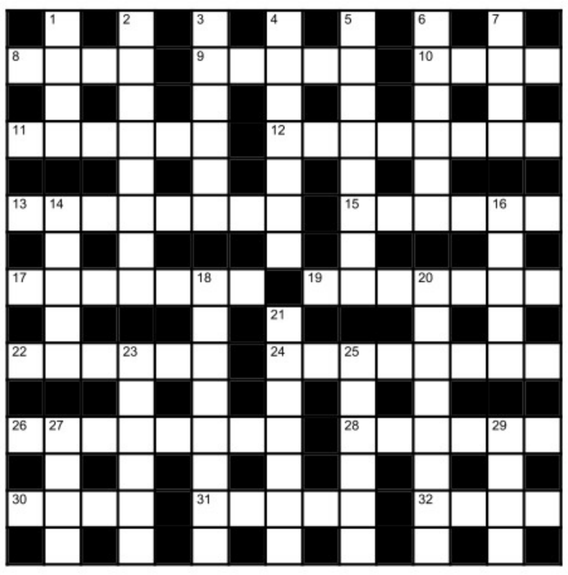

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11 Nudges and moves bowels (6)
12 US tender rigged without a break (8)
13 She is thrown out of revolving swivel chair in public uprising (5,3)
15 Mix cola in container for lubricant (6)
17 Family group going around Rio displays musical instrument (7)
19 Did silk spoil crash helmet? (4,3)
22 Note about feathered appendage producing sudden stab of pain (6)
24 Shrines built around Cape show affluence (8)
26 Noel made mixed fruit drink (8)
28 Lets in promotion materials around Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6)
30 Kill copper and students (4)
31 Lean girl's article (5)
32 Domesticate wild mate (4)

Down

1 Spoken in Windsor alehouse (4)
2 Traveller on ice, going around Post Office circle, is more eerie (8)
3 Watched after spooks returned in capital (6)
4 Wrongly say, "True creek" (7)
5 Bakery production, including eggs, in annual journal (8)
6 Bit code, perhaps, with learner (6)
7 This uncle is confused in absence of number (4)
14 Horribly wail about new relative by marriage (2-3)
16 One girl? That's wrong! (5)
18 Excited to carve son's hams (8)
20 Explosive item is blasted behind Andy by mistake (8)
21 As sire can be bizarre... (7)
23 Head's old one's refurbished (6)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Symbolic representation

The Chidambaram temple is called Ponnambalam. It has nine kalasas, which represent the nine sakthis, said T. Rajarathinam, in a discourse.

Thirumoolar, in his Thirumandiram, says that Omkara has 64 arts. The Chidambaram temple has 64 roof beams, which denote the 64 arts. The roof is covered with 21,600 gold sheets. It is said that a human being takes 21,600 breaths per day. The 21,600 gold plates are symbolic of this. The number of nadis in a human being is said to be 72,000. In the Chidambaram temple, 72,000 nails have been used to symbolise this. The Panchakshara mantra has five syllables, and so there are five steps leading to the shrine. These steps are known as the Panchakshara padi. Lord Siva, who resides in us, also resides in the Ponnambalam. It is to show this, that the Ponnambalam has been built like the human body. Chidambara darshan is worship of the One in our hearts.

The Chidambaram temple represents the sky, one of the Panchabhutas. Lord Siva is here in the form of Akasa Linga. He is adorned with a garland of vilva leaves. Lord Nataraja's lifted left foot represents Goddess Sakthi. It is called kunchitapada and anugraha pada. The significance of kunchitapada is described in Umapathy Sivam's Kunchitangri Stava, a Sanskrit work which has 300 verses. The kunchitapada assures us that He is our refuge and the One who saves us. Nataraja's front left hand points to the raised left foot, to indicate this. The left foot represents atmas, which have been rid of the three malams (impurities). Muyalakan, who lies beneath His right foot represents maya (illusion), which keeps us from realising God.

CAIRO

Pressure mounts on Egypt govt. to release dissident on hunger strike

International pressure mounted on Tuesday for the "immediate release" of Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, whose family fears for his life after he escalated his hunger strike by refusing water too as COP-27 opened. Abdel Fattah is serving a five-year sentence for "spreading false news" about police brutality.

BEIJING

China shows off newly approved passenger jet at major airshow

China showed off its first domestically produced large passenger jet after the aircraft was approved by regulators, unveiling the C919 at a major airshow. Chinese authorities hope the C919 — built by the state-owned Commercial Aircraft Corp of China — will challenge foreign models such as the Boeing 737 MAX and the Airbus A320. AFP

BERLIN

Germany wants to block chip factory sale to Chinese firm

Germany has recommended that the sale of a chip factory to a Chinese-owned firm should be blocked as it poses a security threat. Sweden's Silex, a unit of China-based Sai MicroElectronics, wanted to take over Dortmund-based Elmos. But Economy Ministry sources said the move would be "a threat to public order and... security." AP

ISTANBUL

Erdogan wants Swedish action on anti-terrorism to clear NATO bid

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said that Ankara conveyed its expectation to see steps from Sweden to fulfil anti-terrorism vows under a deal clearing bid by Sweden to join NATO. After a meeting in Ankara, Sweden's PM Ulf Kristersson promised to fulfil the security vows made by his country to get Ankara's nod to join NATO. REUTERS

UN chief slams companies engaging in 'toxic cover-up'

Firms cannot claim to be net zero if they invest in fossil fuels or cause deforestation, says a COP-27 report; Guterres asks stakeholders to update net zero pledges in a year to comply with UN norms

Agence France-Presse
SHARM EL-SHEIKH

The UN's chief called on Tuesday for an end to a "toxic cover-up" by companies as a sweeping report said they cannot claim to be net zero if they invest in new fossil fuels, cause deforestation or offset emissions instead of reducing them.

Antonio Guterres said businesses as well as cities and regions should update their voluntary net zero pledges within a year to comply with the recommendations by UN experts, as he trained his sights on fossil fuel firms and "their financial enablers".

"Using bogus 'net-zero' pledges to cover up massive fossil fuel expansion is reprehensible. It is rank deception," he said at the launch of the report at the COP-27 conference in Egypt. "This toxic cover-up could push our world over the climate cliff. The sham must end."

New breakthrough: Israel and Jordan signed an MOU to move ahead with a water-for-energy deal on Tuesday. REUTERS

The UN expert panel, convened after the UN climate talks last year, set its sights on drawing a "red line" around greenwashing in net zero targets from companies, cities and regions.

A huge surge in decarbonisation pledges in recent months means that around 90% of the global economy is now covered by some sort of promise of carbon neutrality, according to Net Zero Tracker.

"It's very easy to make an announcement that you are going to be net zero by 2050. But you have to walk the talk and what we've seen is that there is not enough action," said Catherine McKenna, Canada's former Environment and Climate Change Minister, who led the panel.

The report lists a slew of recommendations, including calling on governments to begin putting in place binding regulations.

UAE-Egypt deal

Meanwhile, the UAE and Egypt agreed to develop one of the world's largest wind farms in a deal struck on the sidelines of summit.

The 10 GW onshore wind project in Egypt will produce 47,790 GWh of clean energy annually once it is completed, the UAE's state news agency said. It will offset 23.8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions - equivalent to around 9% of Egypt's current CO2 output.

Zelensky open to talks with Russia, but on Kyiv's terms

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukraine's President has suggested he's open to peace talks with Russia, softening his refusal to negotiate with Moscow as long as President Vladimir Putin is in power while sticking to Kyiv's core demands.

Volodymyr Zelensky's appeal to the international community to "force Russia into real peace talks" reflected a change in rhetoric.

But the preconditions the Ukrainian leader listed late on Monday appear to be non-starters for Moscow, so it's hard to see how Mr. Zelensky's latest comments would advance any talks.

Mr. Zelensky reiterated that his conditions for dialogue were the return of all of Ukraine's occupied lands, compensation for war damage and the prosecution of war crimes.

U.S. goes to midterm polls with Biden agenda at stake and Trump in the wings

Agence France-Presse
PITTSBURGH

Americans headed to the polls on Tuesday in midterm elections in which Republicans are chasing a congressional majority that would hobble Democratic President Joe Biden's agenda and serve as a springboard for another White House run by Donald Trump.

"It's Election Day, America," the 79-year-old Mr. Biden tweeted as polling stations opened on the East Coast. "Make your voice heard today. Vote."

At stake are all 435 seats in the House of Representatives, one-third of the Senate and a slew of State and local positions. Five States are holding referendums on abortion – California, Vermont, Kentucky, Montana and Michigan.

First results will begin trickling in after 7:00 p.m. (0530 IMT) but with razor-thin margins in some key congressional races, a full picture may not be available for days or even weeks, setting the stage for likely acrimonious challenges.

Battle of ballots: All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate among others are going to polls. AFP

Mr. Biden's Democrats are facing a gargantuan struggle to hang on to Congress, after a race the President has cast as a "defining" moment for U.S. democracy – while Trump's Republicans campaigned hard on kitchen-table issues like inflation and crime.

Mr. Trump – who has all but announced he will seek the White House again in 2024 – grabbed the election eve spotlight to flag "a big announcement" on November 15.

Polls show Republicans in line to seize the House, which would allow them to snarl the rest of Mr. Biden's first term in aggressive investigations and opposition to spending plans.

Ranil proposes climate change university in Sri Lanka

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Pointing to the "lack of" capacity as the "biggest obstacle" to the implementation of climate action plans, Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Tuesday proposed setting up an international climate change university in Sri Lanka, with an ancillary institution in the Maldives.

As island nations, Sri Lanka and the Maldives are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impact of climate change, experts have repeatedly warned. "This seat of learning can be a trans-disciplinary global centre for green and blue studies - for scientists, environmentalists, researchers, policymakers, development practitioners, and...students the world over," Mr. Wickremesinghe said, addressing the COP-27 Climate Change Conference in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

Double jeopardy

The Sri Lankan leader blamed "unbridled industrialisation of developed countries" as the root cause of climate change. Appealing on behalf of the Global South, he said poor countries were facing "a double jeopardy" – struggling to develop economically, while fighting to protect the living standards of their people. "It is therefore imperative that the developed countries deliver on their pledge in Glasgow – by doubling their funding ... Developing countries who are the worst affected by the rise in emissions from the industrialised world, need to be compensated."

In the Glasgow Climate Pact of 2021, developed nations were urged to at least double their collective provision of adaptation finance by 2025. "It is no secret that climate financing has missed the target. It is ironic that the 100 billion dollars pledged annually, have not been available to finance climate challenges – as many developed nations deem it fit to renege on their climate financing contributions," Mr. Wickremesinghe said.

Further, he said countries on both sides of the Ukraine war had "no qualms spending for a war which will finally exceed $350 billion". He termed it a conflict waged "purportedly for security interests of the combatants." The only security at stake, he said, was that concerning food, with food insecurity worsening to levels "not experienced before the war". "Many living both in the developed and developing world are outside the scope of three meals a day," Mr. Wickremesinghe added.

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RFP document availability	On or after 9th November 2022
RFP Purchase Date	9th November 2022 to 8th December 2022 upto 16:00 hrs (during office working hours only)
Pre-bid meeting	17th November 2022 at 11:30 hrs Venue: Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate Office, BESCOM, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001
Last Date & Time for submission of **Pre-bid Queries/Clarifications**	18th November 2022 at 17:00 hrs
Last Date & Time for uploading the documents by the bidders	8th December 2022 at 16:00 hrs
Last date for submission of EMD	9th December 2022 upto 17:00 hrs
Date & Time for Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	12th December 2022 at 15:00 hrs
Date & Time for Opening of Price Bid	Will be opened in bidding portal after completion of techno-commercial evaluation. Separate intimation regarding date of opening of price bid will not be issued.
Date & Time of Reverse auction	Will be conducted for the techno-commercially qualified Bidders, duly intimating through email.

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Date & Time of Reverse auction	Will be conducted for the techno-commercially qualified Bidders, duly intimating through email.

Sd/- Assistant General Manager, SOG, KREDL, Bengaluru

INBRIEF

Nvidia offers new chip for China that meets U.S. curbs

U.S. chip maker Nvidia Corp said on Monday it is offering a new advanced chip in China that meets recent export control rules aimed at keeping cutting-edge technology out of China's hands. The new chip, called the A800, represents the first reported effort by a U.S. semiconductor company to create advanced processors for China that follow new U.S. trade rules. Nvidia has said the export limitations could cost it hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. REUTERS

KKR to invest $400 mn in Serentica Renewables

KKR, an investment company, said it had signed a definitive agreement to invest $400 million in Serentica Renewables, a decarbonisation platform that plans energy transition by providing clean energy solutions for energy-intensive industries. "Our investment in Serentica reflects KKR's confidence in India's renewables sector and our commitment to advancing the energy transition in India," said Hardik Shah, partner at KKR.

Chola Financial Holdings Q2 net contracts 7% to ₹606 cr.

Cholamandalam Financial Holdings Ltd.'s (CFHL) consolidated net profit for the second quarter ended September declined 7% to ₹606 crore from the year-earlier period. Total income grew 20% to ₹4,298 crore, the core investment company of the Murugappa Group said in a filing. Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd. (CIFCL) disbursed ₹14,623 crore against ₹8,706 crore, a growth of 68%, while net profit contracted 7% to ₹563 crore.

Banks pricing risks poorly in rush to get deposits, lend more: SBI's Ghosh

Risk premia over and above core funding cost are not fairly acknowledging inherent credit risk, according to a report by bank's group chief economic adviser; notes that deposit growth at lenders is lagging behind decade-high credit expansion

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Urging caution in banking

Economist at India's largest lender flags asset, liability risks

- Liquidity crunch primarily due to RBI sucking out funds in its fight to tame inflation
- Short tenor working capital loans for less than 1 year being given at lower than 6%
- On the other hand, 10- and 15-year loans are being priced at less than 7%
- Average core funding cost about 6.2%, reverse repo rate at 5.65% spurring rate war for deposits

Amidst liquidity tightening and a decadal high credit growth of more than 18% and deposit growth falling way behind, State Bank of India's group chief economic adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh has warned that banks are not adequately pricing their risks on both their asset and liabilities sides.

Liquidity crunch is primarily because the Reserve Bank has been sucking out funds from the system as it fights to tame inflation which has been much above the upper bound of its band of 2-4% for the last 10 months. This has prompted the RBI to frontload its inflation fight by increasing the policy rates by 190 basis points to pre-pandemic levels since the war in Ukraine began.

The average net durable liquidity injected into the banking system in April was ₹8.3 lakh crore, which is nearly three times the current ₹3 lakh crore. Atop this, the government has spent a large part of its cash balances in the Deepavali week, and as a result the net LAF (liquidity adjustment facility) in the system, which was hitherto to negative, has improved of late. Bonus payments by the government and private sector also helped.

According to a report by Mr. Ghosh, what is still intriguing, however, is that even as the banking system is witnessing net LAF deficit, risk premia over and above core funding cost are not fairly acknowledging the inherent credit risk.

Pricing range

For example, short tenor working capital loans for less than one year are given at lower than 6% and are linked to one-month/three-month T-bill rates, while 10- and 15-year loans are being priced at less than 7%.

The average core funding cost of the banking system is at about 6.2% now, while the reverse repo rate is at 5.65%. No wonder, banks are currently engaged in a fierce war to raise deposits, with rates being offered up to 7.75% in select maturities.

Rate hikes unlikely to impact asset quality of home loans, says ICRA

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The ongoing rate hikes are unlikely to impact repayments by home loan borrowers despite an increase in monthly instalments, a rating agency said.

Mortgage lenders have limited headroom to extend the loan tenures given the fact that the prime home-loan segment already has long tenures, and a further extension in loan tenures will lead to overall tenures extending beyond the working life of the borrower, ICRA said.

As a result, equated monthly instalments (EMIs) will go up by 12-21% for prime home loans, while the same will go up by 8-13% in the case of the affordable home-loan segment, its sector head for financial sector ratings Manushree Saggar said.

'Limited headroom'

"While there is an expectation of a further increase in interest rates, lenders have limited headroom to increase loan tenures; thus, EMIs would have to be revised upwards," she said.

"However, this is unlikely to impact the HFCs asset-quality indicators significantly," she added.

It can be noted the Reserve Bank has raised rates by 1.90% since May in response to the runaway inflation, which has been transmitted into rates paid by home-loan borrowers.

Oil slips on recession fears, COVID in China

REUTERS
SINGAPORE

Oil prices slipped on Tuesday as recession concerns and worsening COVID-19 outbreaks in China sparked fears of lower fuel demand, outweighing supply worries.

Brent crude fell 23 cents, or 0.2%, to $97.69 a barrel by 0726 GMT.

The benchmark hit its highest since August on Monday amid reports that leaders in China, the world's top crude importer, were weighing an exit from strict COVID-19 curbs.

"I think the rolling lockdowns continue to push back the reopening narrative negatively for oil prices," said Stephen Innes, managing partner at SPI Asset Management.

Coal stock at thermal units at 25.6 MT in October: govt.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The closing stock of coal at domestic thermal power plants as on October 31 was 25.6 million tonnes (MT) – the highest-ever in the month of October except FY21, the government said.

The domestic coal supply to the power sector is 12% more than the same period of last year, which is the highest-ever supply in the first seven months of any fiscal.

RIL's MET City to host four Japanese firms

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Model Economic Township Ltd. (MET City), a wholly owned arm of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), said it is developing a greenfield smart city at Jhajjar, near Gurugram in Haryana, that will house four Japanese companies in the integrated industrial township.

Nihon Kohden, one of these Japanese companies and a manufacturer of medical devices, would be building its largest manufacturing facility in India. Panasonic, Denso and T-Suzuki would be the other companies.

"With over 400 industrial customers, walk-to-work master plan and world-class infrastructure, the location today is one of the fastest-growing greenfield smart cities in North India," said S. V. Goyal, CEO and whole-time director, MET City.

"The plug-n-play infrastructure is an added advantage for any company coming to us for their requirements," he added.

Sundram Fasteners Q2 net slips 7% as costs rise

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundram Fasteners Ltd., (SFL) reported standalone net profit for the second quarter contracted by 7% to ₹111.75 crore as raw material costs increased.

Revenue from operations rose by 14.6% to ₹1,218 crore. Total expenditure shot up to ₹1,076 crore from ₹903 crore.

The board declared an interim dividend of ₹3.57 a share and an additional special dividend of ₹2 a share to commemorate the 60th year of incorporation.

The board also approved the scheme of amalgamation of Sunfast TVS Ltd. and TVS Engineering Ltd. with SFL.

MRF Q2 net profit slides 32% to ₹124 cr. as input costs surge

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Revenue from operations grew 18% to ₹5,719 crore while total expenditure rose to ₹5,630 crore

MRF Ltd. on Tuesday reported a 32% drop in second-quarter standalone net profit to ₹124 crore on account of an increase in input costs.

Revenue from operations grew by 18% from the year-earlier period to ₹5,719 crore, while total expenditure rose from ₹4,672 crore to ₹5,630 crore, the company said in a filing.

Interim dividend

The board recommended an interim dividend of ₹3 per share and approved an enhancement in the issue size of non-convertible debentures from ₹100 crore to ₹150 crore on private placement basis. The board had approved the issue at its meeting held on August 9.

MRF also said it has fixed November 18 as the record date for the purpose of payment of interim dividend and payment would be made on or after December 2.

The board announced the appointment of Vikram Taranath Hosangady, Ramesh Rangarajan and Dinshaw Keku Parakh as independent directors.

Auto sector witnessed strong growth in Q2: Bosch

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The automotive market witnessed a strong year-on-year growth in the September ended quarter on a pandemic impacted low base, said Bosch, a supplier of technology and services in mobility solutions, and industrial technology.

Bosch Ltd. posted a profit before tax of ₹487 crore in Q2, a 22.5% rise from the year-earlier period.

Total revenue from operations rose 25.5% to ₹3,662 crore. The surge in demand on the back of the continued recovery of the automotive market had contributed to the strong performance, said MD Soumitra Bhattacharya.

Danfoss India aims at ₹5,000-cr. revenue

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Astrid Mozes

The Indian subsidiary of the Denmark-based climate and energy solutions major Danfoss is planning to more than double its revenue to ₹5,000 crore by 2025 through its top three business segments, said a top official.

"We will be focusing on power solutions, climate solutions and drives that offer huge growth potential," said Ravichandran Purushothaman, president, Danfoss India region.

"We see huge opportunity in agriculture, especially in tractors, electrification and data centres, said Astrid Mozes, president Developing Regions and Chairperson, India board.

"India is the second top market for us in the AP [Asia-Pacific] region," she added. Mr. Ravichandran said that Danfoss India had seen huge transformation over the last two years. It would be ending calendar year 2022 with a revenue in excess of ₹2,000 crore.

'Naming CMs to head GST panels not ideal'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Tamil Nadu Finance Minister P. Thiaga Rajan on Tuesday said the practice of naming the senior-most member as the convenor of panels looking into GST Council-referred issues often leads to delays in even convening meetings.

He said as the senior-most member among State Ministers in the GST Council usually happens to be a Chief Minister or a Deputy Chief Minister, their tight schedules limit the time they have for convening meetings of the Group of Ministers (GoM) set up by the council, leading to delay in report submission.

He also said under GST, the Council, chaired by the Union Finance Minister and comprising State counterparts, has to meet every quarter, but in the post-COVID era, the meetings were not happening.

"How many Chief Ministers have the time in the scope of their broad responsibilities to convene GoMs for the GST Council?," he asked.

"Surely they have much less time than a deputy CM and a deputy CM has less time than a Minister to run GoM meetings."

He added that there has even been a precedence of a new convenor for a GoM being named after a gap of six months.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mr. MOHAMMED IRFAN SHAIKH S/o. Mr. Mohammad Gulzar Shaikh residing at 10/14, 2nd Floor Concept Apartments Ramalingeshwara Temple Street,Veerana Garden, Frazer Town Bangalore 560005. has lost the original sale deed Dt:10-03-2003 registered as Doc No. BNG (U)SNGR/5924/02-03 Stored in CD No.40 in the office of the Photo-Registrar Shivajinagar Bangalore and sale deed dated 24-09-2005 Registered as document bearing No. SHV-1-03025-2005-06 stored in CD bearing No.SHVD49 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar Bangalore relating to the below mentioned schedule property has been lost in transits, Any person/s or body of persons, banks, financial institutions, NBFC's Etc., having any objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims **within 15 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE:

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING Flat No.SF E on the Second Floor, BBMP khata No. 10/14 with a super builtup area of 1018 sft. Situated at No. 7,8,9&10, Veeranna Garden, Ramalingeshwara Temple Street, Frazer Town, Bangalore, and 500 sft. share of undivided interest out of the total land of 7930 sft. i.e 6.305% share of undivided right and interest in the composite property along with common areas and facilities attributable thereto, and car parking space in the basement, the building is of RCC, mosaic flooring, door and windows are Honnewood,and the composite property bounded on the East by Ramlingeshwara Temple Street on the West by Private Property on the North by Private Property and on the South by Private Property

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No: 22/2022-23 Date: 07.11.2022

Short-term Two Cover System Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement KW-III & IV)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Act 2000 item rate tenders were invited in two cover system (SBD) in the forms KW-3&4 through e-Procurement from authorized PWD Contractors registered in appropriate class for the works of Improvements to road from village roads of Srinivasapura & Mulbagal Constituency in Kolar District. In the KW-3 froms Indent No: 94155, 91203, 95697, 95336 & 95762 In the KW-4 forms indent No: 95343 & 95358 Average Amount put to tender varies from amount: 61.40 lakhs to 223.35 lakhs. (01 No. building & 06 No's Roads) The contractor's are requested for participate in e-Tender through GOK website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Prebid meeting schedule dt: **14.11.2022 at 11.00 AM** in the undersigned office Last date for submission of tender application and uploading tender forms through website from dt: **14.11.2022 to 29.11.2022 up to 4.00 pm** and date of opening of technical bids in e-portal on date: **30.11.2022 at 4.30 pm.** The eligible technically qualified contractors the date of opening of financial bids will be intimated. The notification can be obtained from the e-Procurement portal. Further details can be had from the above office on all working days in working hours. e-Procurement helpline No's for tender clarification with respect uploading and downloading you can contact: +918046010000 & +91 8022631200, 080-22230960 and 22234115.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PRE Division, Kolar.

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No. CCL/CZ/BOS/BTW/642/2022-23 Date: 04-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal)

Tender are invited through e-procurement for the year 2022-23 from eligible firms/bidders for books Technical Processing Work (i.e., Entering Book Card, Pasting Book Pocket & Due Date Slips, Stamp Seal, Accessioning the books and Making list of Books distributed to Branch Library wise, and Arranging them to distribute to library branches) Three years experienced and registered firms/companies should participate through E-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

Tender Submission details: 1) Tender Amount Rs. 60,00,000-00. 2) Last date time for queries & clarification: 17-11-2022 upto 16:00 PM. 3) Last date time for submissioin of tender: 19-11-2022 upto 16:00 PM. 4) Date & time of opening of technical bid: 21-11-2022 at 11.00 AM. 5) Date & time of opening of financial bid: 23-11-2022 at 11.00 AM. 6) Address of opening tender: The Deputy Director, City Central Library, Central Zone, No. 35, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Extension, K H Road, Bangalore-27. 7) Tenderer should submit the tender through e-procurement only. Website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Helpline No.: 080-25501216/227. 8) Additional information can be had from the office of the Deputy Director, City Central Library, Central Zone, Bangalore - 560 027 during office hours. 9) The DD may extend or cancel the tender subject to the conditions.

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Deputy Director,
DIPR/VCPL/3006/2022-23 **City Central Library, Central Zone, Bangalore**

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QUOTATION ENQUIRY

Quotations are hereby invited for the work of Providing bullet resistance glass to Governor chamber windows at Ground floor in main building and other allied works at Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru. The interested agencies/ firms are requested to quote the rates and submit the sealed quotations **07.11.2022 to 14.11.2022 before 4.00 p.m. (1) Description:** Providing and fixing white/ Natural bullet resistance glass of 60mm thick and protection level NIJ Level-IV with protection against 7.62x51mm Ap ammunition or 7.62x54mm RAPI, Optical clarity should be extra clear and should be no spall BR glass and glass should be as per Indian Standards. Ballistic Test of one or more glasses from the supplied lot shall be conducted at suitable test laboratory. Glasses will be selected randomly out of the supplied stock for ballistic trial and test will be conducted as per NIJ Level-IV Protection. In case any glasses fails in ballistic test, entire stock will be rejected. Firm will provide one spare glass (i.e. in addition to required numbers Glasses of size mentioned above) and the cost of this spare glass as well as the test charges will be borne by the Firm. SS U-channel and Hallow section, anchor bolts is used for holding and anchoring of bullet resistance glass, complete including cost of all materials, labour for all items of work HOM of equipments with all lead and lift, loading and unloading, transportation charges, insurance, fixing and all other incidental charges etc., Complete as per specification and directions of the Engineer in-charge of the work. **Unit: Sqm. Qty.: 1.** Last date for submission of quotations: **14.11.2022.** For further details please contact the above office.

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HONOURING THE GREATS

Qadir, Chanderpaul and Edwards inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

Pakistan bowling great Abdul Qadir, former West Indies batter Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Charlotte Edwards of England have been inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame. The three will be honoured at a special ceremony before the first semifinal of the Twenty20 World Cup at the SCG on Wednesday.

QUEEN OF THE COURT

Garcia downs Sabalenka, becomes second French player to win Finals

France's Caroline Garcia defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus 7-6(4), 6-4 to win the season-ending WTA Finals at Fort Worth (USA) on Monday. The 29-year-old from Lyon is only the second French player to win the WTA title after Amelie Mauresmo in 2005. "It's definitely a lot of giant happiness," Garcia said after the triumph.

NEW HIGH

Lakshya Sen reaches career-best sixth spot in BWF rankings

Lakshya Sen jumped two spots to sixth place in the latest BWF world rankings. R. Satwiksairaj & Chirag Shetty returned to their career best seventh. Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand and Ishaan Bhatnagar & Tanisha Crasto also achieve a career-high rankings of 23 and 28 respectively. P.V. Sindhu jumped a place to fifth.

ENTHRALLING TIE

Yoddhas-Warriors duel ends in stalemate; Dabang beat Titans

U.P. Yoddhas was ahead 25-15 at half-time before Bengal Warriors stormed back in the second half. Warriors skipper Maninder Singh went for a do-or-die raid in the dying seconds, but Yoddhas caught him to tie it 41-41 in a PKL Season 9 contest in Pune on Tuesday. Dabang Delhi defeated Telugu Titans 40-33 in the second match.

New Zealand, Pakistan battle for the right to have tilt at title

The teams have arrived in the semifinals by starkly contrasting routes; Babar's men look to ride the momentum of a great escape while Williamson's outfit will rely on a tried and tested strategy to book a flight to Melbourne for the final

T20 WORLD CUP

Reuters
SYDNEY

New Zealand, cricket's quiet achievers, and Pakistan, the game's most unpredictable side, clash in the first Twenty20 World Cup semifinal on Wednesday after making their way into the knockouts by starkly contrasting routes.

The Black Caps hammered host and defending champion Australia in the tournament opener, had a match washed out and lost a high-quality contest to England before reaching a fifth successive World Cup semifinal as group winners.

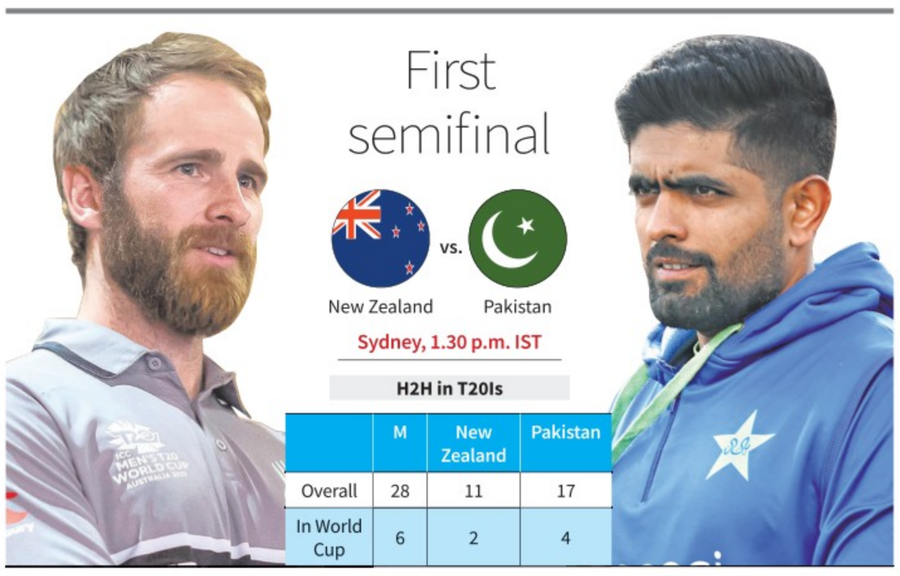
Nervy start

Pakistan's journey started with a remarkable loss to India in front of 92,000 fans at Melbourne Cricket Ground, followed by an equally dramatic upset at the hands of Zimbabwe and a rain-disrupted win over South Africa.

It scraped into the last four beating Bangladesh, but only after a stunning upset of South Africa by the Dutch in the final round of group matches had cleared the path.

"Shadab (Khan) actually said something very significant in the dugout the other day, he said: 'Welcome to Pakistan cricket'," team mentor Matthew Hayden said on Tuesday.

"Meaning that on any given day, anything can happen. When Netherlands beat South Africa, it was a significant moment for us in the tournament and as a result of that, I feel that there was very much an uplifting of tempo in our group."



H2H in T20Is

	M	New Zealand	Pakistan
Overall	28	11	17
In World Cup	6	2	4

2007	Pakistan won by six wickets (semifinal), Cape Town
2009	Pakistan won by six wickets (group stage), The Oval
2010	New Zealand won by one run (group stage), Bridgetown
2012	Pakistan won by 13 runs (group stage), Pallekele
2016	New Zealand won by 22 runs (group stage), Mohali
2021	Pakistan won by five wickets (group stage), Sharjah

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA 2022

Spearheading the 2022 World Cup campaign

NEW ZEALAND

Batting

	Inns	Runs	SR
Phillips	4	**195**	163.86
Williamson	4	**132**	118.91

Bowling

	Inns	Wkts	Econ
Santner	4	**8**	6.43
Southee	4	**7**	6.35
Ferguson	4	**7**	8.13

PAKISTAN

Batting

	Inns	Runs	SR
Shan Masood	5	**134**	115.51
Iftikhar	5	**114**	131.03

Bowling

	Inns	Wkts	Econ
Shadab	5	**10**	6.22
Shaheen Afridi	5	**8**	6.21

If Pakistan will be looking to ride the momentum of a great escape from the group, New Zealand will be relying on a tried and tested philosophy as it seeks to reach the final against India or England.

"We're just focusing on one game at a time as we have done throughout this tournament," said captain Kane Williamson. "And now we're in a semifinal, which is a nice place to be, but it's about cricket and the type of cricket we want to commit to and keep playing and that will be our focus."

Blue skies are forecast for the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday for what could be an intriguing contrast between two well-balanced teams boasting some fine pace bowling.

No 'precedent'

For some, the match has echoes of the 1992 50-over World Cup in Australia, where Pakistan scraped into the last four before beating tournament favourite New Zealand in the semifinals and England in the final.

Williamson was reluctant to ascribe to one of Pakistan's finest hours in white-ball cricket – it also won the T20 World Cup in 2009 – as being any sort of precedent.

"I was two," he deadpanned. "There's also a rich cricketing history in New Zealand. A number of great moments."

The teams (likely):
New Zealand: Kane Williamson (Capt), Finn Allen, Devon Conway (wk), Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell, James Neesham, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Trent Boult, Ish Sodhi and Lockie Ferguson.
Pakistan: Babar Azam (Capt.), Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Haris, Shan Masood, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Nawaz, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Wasim, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf.
Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST

England needs to tie down Suryakumar, says Stokes

Battle of innovators: Stokes and Suryakumar are capable of turning it on at any stage of the innings. GETTY IMAGES

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Ben Stokes has soared the heights and plunged the depths. At his peak, a cricketing Moses parting the seas and dispensing miracles, Stokes also revealed a fragile phase when depression nearly closed the walls on him. He took a break, recovered and remains a vital cog in England's Twenty20 set-up under skipper Jos Buttler.

Leading England in Tests, Stokes is equally comfortable playing under Buttler in white-ball cricket, specifically T20Is as he has retired from ODIs.

Doing the needful

In a chat with the media at the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday, the all-rounder praised Buttler: "He is in charge, everyone in the team obviously follow him. The captain has got to take his decisions and as a man you also have to get the entire dressing room to follow you. He has been able to do that. We managed to get through not playing our best cricket so far, I mean every game wasn't our game, but we are here and we just need to play.

Having shepherded a tricky chase against Sri Lanka in a previous clash vital to England's qualification for the ICC T20 World Cup semifinals, Stokes said: "I just did what I had to do and it is the hardest to be there at the end, it wasn't too much of an ask, so yeah it was all about staying there and being there till the end."

Reverting to Thursday's semifinal against India, Stokes said: "Two more games now, hopefully be a part of them and hopefully (get) the trophy. To get this game done on Thursday against a very strong Indian team, obviously no one can take them lightly, (considering) the squad that they are and the players that they have, I mean we need to focus more on ourselves."

The old trope of England bowlers against Indian batters was raised and Stokes spoke candidly about the rival willow-wielders.

"Suryakumar (Yadav) is fantastic, plays some shots which leaves you scratching your head. He is in great form and guess we should tie him down and not allow him to get on a rampage," Stokes said, while also supporting Rohit Sharma, who isn't at his best: "Rohit is one of the great players of your era, he is a world-class player and you can't take him for granted especially in these big games."

Kohli looking good

Like Stokes, Kohli too had spoken about the shadows of the mind and the England star was asked to review the Indian batter's current form. "Yeah like me, he too didn't have a few loud months but he has earned the right to be around. Earlier he had produced the numbers and now he has got the runs and he is looking good," Stokes said.

And as for his own camp, Stokes didn't want to commit on Dawid Malan's fitness as the latter is recovering from a groin injury suffered in the contest against Sri Lanka. Malan may be a doubtful starter but Stokes and his other mates await the Men in Blue.

Rohit takes a hit on the wrist during nets, turns a Hitman on return

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Less than a week after vanquishing Bangladesh, the Men in Blue trooped into the Adelaide Oval for a session of optional nets. If the previous visit was about coping with the cold weather and its damp streaks, the latest one was all about basking in near tropical warmth, but without the humidity.

The skies were a glorious blue on Tuesday morning. There was birdsong in the air and the sun a bright orb dispensing blinding light, all hinting at a summer finally easing into the Australian landmass.

Darkness at noon

The temperature inched to 31°C, but out in the practice square there was a moment that was nearly darkness at noon as Rohit Sharma winced in pain after being struck above the right wrist while countering throw-downs.

Easing the ache: Rohit cools off after the blow. PTI

The skipper opted out of his batting drills, rested a bit and iced the injured spot. Thankfully for the Indian unit, he returned after a while and picked up his willow. Nerves eased within the ranks as he gradually warmed up, essaying shots and finding his feet. With the ICC Twenty20 World Cup semifinal against England here on Thursday, India needs its captain to be at his best.

So far Rohit has had a mixed bag in this championship, often perishing on the pull-shot, which is also his preferred stroke besides the massive sixes down the ground. Scores of 4, 53, 15, 2 and 15 don't reflect his innate class and this drought by Rohit's standards has been masked by the runs that Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav have yielded while India progressed towards the last-four stage.

Karthik trains

While the captain put the niggle behind him and trained, Dinesh Karthik had a hit in the nets. It remains to be seen if the management would look at bolstering its batting with perhaps Karthik or Deepak Hooda stepping in for Axar Patel or may be swap the spinner with Yuzvendra Chahal.

Machino roped in for Nakayama; CAS rules in favour of Ecuador

Agence France-Presse
TOKYO

Japan has drafted in forward Shuto Machino to replace injured defender Yuta Nakayama on its World Cup roster for Qatar.

Australia's head coach Graham Arnold selected 18-year-old forward Garang Kuol despite his lack of professional experience but left veteran goalkeeper Mitch Langerak out.

Points deduction, fine

Ecuador will keep its place in the World Cup but will be deducted three points in qualifying for the 2026 tournament as it used a false document to get a passport for a Colombia-born player, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) ruled on Tuesday. The Ecuador football federation was also fined $100,000. Chile and Peru had argued that Ecuador used an ineligible player in eight qualifying games and should be thrown out of the World Cup. But CAS said Ecuador defender Byron Castillo was eligible by FIFA rules to play in the qualifying campaign as well as the World Cup.

Machino. GETTY IMAGES

The squads:
Japan: Goalkeepers: Shuichi Gonda, Daniel Schmidt, Eiji Kawashima; **Defenders:** Miki Yamane, Hiroki Sakai, Maya Yoshida, Takehiro Tomiyasu, Shogo Taniguchi, Ko Itakura, Hiroki Ito, Yuto Nagatomo. **Midfielders:** Wataru Endo, Hidemasa Morita, Ao Tanaka, Gaku Shibasaki, Kaoru Mitoma, Daichi Kamada, Ritsu Doan, Junya Ito, Takumi Minamino, Takefusa Kubo, Yuki Soma. **Forwards:** Daizen Maeda, Takuma Asano, Ayase Ueda, Shuto Machino.
Australia: Goalkeepers: Mat Ryan, Andrew Redmayne, Danny Vukovic; **Defenders:** Nathaniel Atkinson, Aziz Behich, Milos Degenek, Thomas Deng, Fran Karcic, Joel King, Kye Rowles, Harry Souttar, Bailey Wright. **Midfielders:** Keanu Baccas, Cameron Devlin, Ajdin Hrustic, Jackson Irvine, Riley McGree, Aaron Mooy; **Forwards:** Martin Boyle, Jason Cummings, Mitchell Duke, Craig Goodwin, Garang Kuol, Mathew Leckie, Awer Mabil, Jamie Maclaren.

Narender moves into semifinals

Sports Bureau

South Asian Games gold medallist Narender Berwal moved into the +92kg semifinals to assure India of another medal in the Asian boxing championships in Amman.

Narender defeated Iranian Iman Ramezanpourdelavar 5-0 in the quarterfinals late on Monday. Narender will meet Strandja memorial tournament gold medallist Mullojonov Lazizbek of Uzbekistan in the semifinals.

Naveen Kumar lost his last-eight bout against Kazakhstan's Aibek Oralbay 0-5. Twelve Indians have made it to the semifinals.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: 92kg: Naveen Kumar lost to Aibek Oralbay (Kaz) 5-0;
+92kg: Narender Berwal bt Iman Ramezanpourdelavar (IRI) 5-0.

INBRIEF

Advani qualifies for snooker World C'ships knockouts

Pankaj Advani won all his group matches to qualify for the knockout stage of the World men's snooker championship in Antalya, Turkey. Advani first defeated local player Abdurrahman Yilmaz (62-2, 117-8, 75-15, followed by Ahmed Samir of Egypt 57-23, 80-34, 61-22 and Marko Reijers of the Netherlands 73-01, 78-03, 66-01. The knockout stage begins on Wednesday.

AIFF to appoint 50 referees on ₹80k per month contract

Aiming to lift the standard of refereeing in the country, the All India Football Federation is set to appoint 50 referees on contractual basis and pay them a "significant" amount as monthly salary, in order to help them earn their livelihood from this alone. "Every year, there is complaint about quality of refereeing in India," AIFF President Kalyan Chuabey told *PTI* on Tuesday. "The remuneration of a referee per match is insufficient for a referee to maintain his family by doing refereeing only. "To address that, we have decided that 50 referees will be appointed and each of them will be given state government level salary of around ₹50,000 to ₹80,000 per month, which is fair enough for a referee to maintain his family."

Lewis Hamilton becomes honorary citizen of Brazil

Seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton became a Brazilian driver. Hamilton received honorary citizenship at Brazil's Congress chamber in Brasilia in front of hundreds of raucous fans. He's in the country for the Brazilian Grand Prix this weekend.

Sporting Club scores narrow win over Bengaluru FC

Sporting Club edged out Bengaluru FC 2-1 in the BDFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The results: Sporting Club 2 (Robin Singh 12, Kouassi Bernard 24) bt Bengaluru FC 1 (Monirul Molla 23); Kodagu FC 0 drew with Thanco's Students Union FC 0; Bangalore Independents FC 0 drew with Friends United FC 0; FC Agniputra 6 (Hamza 15, 38, 61, K.S. Abdulla 55, 66, Nima Lepcha 77) bt ADE 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: (1st semifinal): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 3 & SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

Bundesliga: Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 11.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m. & 2 a.m. (Thursday)

Real hands over initiative to Barca

Gutsy Rayo Vallecano ambushes the defending champion with a 3-2 win in a see-saw LaLiga encounter

Big moment: Trejo, left, slams in Rayo's winner past Real's Courtois. AP

FOOTBALL

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Real Madrid lost its first La Liga game of the season, going down 3-2 at city-rival Rayo Vallecano on Monday to leave Barcelona two points clear at the top.

Rayo took an early lead in a see-saw game before Real went 2-1 ahead. Rayo equalised before half-time before winning the match with a twice-taken penalty from Oscar Trejo in the 67th minute.

After 13 matches, Barcelona is top on 34 points to Real Madrid's 32.

Santiago Comesana put the home side ahead to raucous scenes after just five minutes before two goals in the space of four minutes turned the match Madrid's way.

First Luca Modric levelled from the penalty spot in the 37th minute before Eder Militao fired his side into the lead.

It was not to last, however, as Rayo was level at the break through Alvaro Garcia. Real's goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois saved a penalty from Trejo on 67 minutes but was adjudged to have moved early. Trejo showed no nerves converting the retaken spot-kick.

The result: Rayo Vallecano 3 (Comesana 5, Garcia 44, Trej 67-pen) bt Real Madrid 2 (Modric 37-pen, Miitao 41).

Selecting Qatar to host the World Cup was a mistake, feels Blatter

Associated Press
GENEVA

Selecting Qatar to host the World Cup was a mistake 12 years ago, the FIFA president during that time Sepp Blatter said on Tuesday, again citing a meeting between Nicolas Sarkozy and Michel Platini for swaying key votes.

The 86-year-old Blatter spoke to Swiss newspaper group *Tamedia* in his first major interview since being acquitted with Platini in July of financial misconduct at FIFA after a trial at federal criminal court.

"It's a country that's too small," Blatter said of Qatar, the smallest host by size since the 1954 tournament in Switzerland. "Football and the World Cup are too big for that."

"It was a bad choice. And I was responsible for that as president at the time," said Blatter, who has long said he voted for the USA. Its bid was beaten by Qatar in the final round of a five-candidate contest to be 2022 host.

It became part of FIFA lore that an expected U.S. victory swung toward Qatar at a meeting Sarkozy hosted in Paris.

Nihal runs out of comeback magic, So takes honours

Best on show: A beaming So with his reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

CHESS

Sports Bureau

At last, Nihal Sarin ran out of his 'comeback magic' as Wesley So needed just two games on Monday to gain 1.5 points for a 4.5-1.5 victory in the best-of-eight-games title clash of the $500,000 Chess.com Global Championship Finals, in Toronto.

Leading 3-1 after the first set of four rapid games on Sunday, So easily drew the first game and staved off Nihal's aggressive play to win the second.

This ended Nihal's tale of comebacks.

So received $200,000 and Nihal got $100,000 – the single biggest paycheques of their careers.

It was an incredible performance from Nihal who defeated the likes of Rauf Mamedov, Vladimir Kramnik, Ding Liren, Sam Sevian and Anish Giri to reach the final.

In fact, against Sevian in the quarterfinals and Anish in the semifinals, Nihal bounced back from a deficit to emerge as the winner.

T20 is the most democratic of formats, but there's more to be done

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

A minnow is a small, freshwater fish. Used metaphorically, the word means "a person or organisation of relatively small size, power, or influence."

It crops up regularly at cricket's World Cups. Commentators often show disgust at 'minnows' stretching out a tournament. Or getting in the way of the 'real' matches.

Those who think 'minnows' have no business being in the same contest as the big guns want them out as quickly as possible. Then there are those who see them as necessary evils, and hope an upset win down the line justifies their presence. In both cases there is condescension.

Kenya beating the West Indies, Zimbabwe beating Australia, Ireland beating Pakistan (none of the winners were Test teams then) are quoted as examples of the success of the 'minnows' in 50-over World Cups.

Closer competitions

But there are no 'minnows' now in World T20. The word has fallen out of use for a good reason. T20 makes for closer competitions, making it the most democratic of cricket's formats.

The Netherlands beating South Africa isn't all that startling. It takes just one good spell of bowling or batting, a fabulous run out or a great catch, and the deed is done.

Already in this World Cup, former champions West Indies and Sri Lanka went missing from the business end of it, having lost to teams that might once have been called 'minnows'.

Scotland beat the West Indies and Namibia beat Sri Lanka. Ireland beat the West Indies and later, England.

No wonder then that T20 is leading the globalisation of cricket faster and with greater conviction than any other format.

This does not mean that all teams are of equal strength, but rather that any team can come in from anywhere and beat the better ones.

Natural fit for Olympics

It means that the T20 is a natural fit for the Olympics and other multi-sport tournaments as well as for countries that are outside the cricket family now.

When the International Cricket Council decided that a T20 match between two national sides would be deemed internationals, it gave a boost to the Associate members; 84 of them are now ranked.

It has also seen individual players from these countries figure in the overall records.

For example, the best bowling figures belong to Nigeria's medium pacer Peter Aho (six for five), the biggest margin of victory is to the credit of the Czech Republic (by 257 runs, against Turkey), and behind Suryakumar Yadav, who has the best strike rate is a Romanian.

Only two Canadians, a Serb and a Namibian have scored centuries on debut. The best career average among bowlers belongs to a German and the best economy rate to a Ugandan.

Good investment

If cricket is a world game, T20 has had a major role to play. This World Cup has shown that the ICC's investment in this format for the Associate members has been good for the game. It is no longer a fantasy to imagine an India v Uganda match or an Italy v Australia one.

No need for a handicap

Lesser teams don't need a handicap as players do in golf, the format tends to flatten out the differences to a large degree.

In the main draw at the World Cup, for example, the Netherlands beat South Africa who beat India who beat Pakistan who beat the Netherlands who beat Zimbabwe who beat Pakistan who beat...

England's Moeen Ali put it in perspective when he told hosts Australia not to panic after being knocked out. "It could easily have been us," he said.

And that's the sensible way of looking at it for the semifinalists too. From here on any team can win the title. When India won in 2007, they were outsiders; now they are favourites. The mindset is different, and so are the pressures.

Real winners

After Sunday, when new champions are crowned, the real winners might turn out to be the Associate members if the ICC takes the next logical step in their development.

New rule

Domestic leagues around the world are natural training grounds. A new rule – that each team must contain a player or two from the Associates will hasten that development.

In sport, the haves must look out for the have-nots. If that sounds too idealistic, think about this: what is sport without idealism?

Australia recalls Harris for West Indies Tests

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Opening batter Marcus Harris was on Tuesday recalled to Australia's Test squad for two matches against the West Indies, while Travis Head retained his place despite poor recent form.

Harris featured in last year's successful Ashes campaign against England but was axed and overlooked for Australia's Test trip to Sri Lanka in July with Usman Khawaja preferred as David Warner's opening partner.

Khawaja is again expected to open with Harris as back-up in a slimmed-down 13-man squad.

Head keeps his place despite poor form in Australia's domestic Sheffield Shield competition with the top six – Warner, Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Steve Smith, Head and Cameroon Green – unchanged. The squad is smaller than ones in recent years when Covid-19 protocols were in place.

Resurrection: Harris, who missed out on recent Australia Tests, gets another chance at the top. GETTY IMAGES

Australia plays two Tests, in Perth and Adelaide, against the West Indies from November 30.

The Test squad (against West Indies): Pat Cummins (Capt.), Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Marcus Harris, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc and David Warner

ODI squad (against England): Cummins (Capt.), Ashton Agar, Carey, Green, Hazlewood, Head, Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Smith, Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Warner and Adam Zampa.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Big win for Dynamites United HC over Kaveri SC

Dynamites United HC blanked Kaveri SC 4-0 in the KSHA-C Division hockey league championship here.

The results: Dynamites United HC 4 (Krothik Poovanna 19, A.A. Bopanna 24, 34, M.C. Poovanna 42) bt Kaveri SC 0; East India HC 4 (Shylesh 9, Vivek 27, 35, Pemmaiah 41) bt Friends HC 0.

Mayank Karthik advances

Mayank Karthik defeated Abdul Khader 76-36, 73-19, 54-35 in the men's first round of the Karnataka State Ranking Senior snooker tournament here.

Nettakallappa swimming meet from Nov. 12

The Nettakallappa All-India swimming championship will be held on November 12 and 13 at the Nettakallappa Aquatic Centre here. The event, which will mark the 10th anniversary of the Centre, will see some top swimmers such as S. Siva, Vaishnav Hegde, S. Dhanush and Ridhima Veerendrakumar.

Races will be held for boys and girls across three divisions – Senior, Group I (15-17 years) and Group II (12-14 years).

In a change, the 50m events will be held in the short-course pool (25m) and conducted in the SKINS format, made famous by the International Swimming League, where the usual final with the top eight swimmers will be replaced by one that will feature three races separated by a few minutes' break. In the first race, the bottom three swimmers will be eliminated, followed by two swimmers in the second. In the third and final race, only the top three will compete for podium places.

The competition is set to offer close to ₹10 lakh in cumulative prize money.

Australia off to a strong start against Slovakia

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

Associated Press
GLASGOW

Australia took an unassailable 2-0 lead against Slovakia on Tuesday in the first match of the Billie Jean King Cup in a strong start to its bid for a first title in 48 years in the biggest team event in women's tennis.

Storm Sanders and Ajla Tomljanovic claimed victories in singles to earn the Australians the win in Group B before the closing doubles.

Easy winners

Sanders beat Viktoria Kuzmova 6-4, 6-3, while Tomljanovic was a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Anna Karolina Schmiedlova.

Australia is a seven-time winner of the competition formerly known as the Fed Cup. All of its titles came from 1964-74.

There are 12 teams in the competition and they are split into four groups of three. Each match consists of two singles and a doubles.

The group winners will advance to the semifinals on Saturday, with the final on Sunday.

Storming through: Sanders overcame the Kuzmova challenge to put Australia in front. REUTERS